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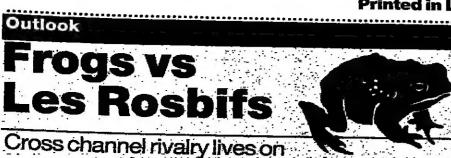
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Plus: TS Eliot and his anti-Semitism

Crisis in student funding forces policy change

Labour to end free degrees

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Labour is pleased that

Patrick Wintour, Chief Political Corresponden

ABOUR is to bite the bullet after three years of party wrangling and commit itself to making graduates pay back part of the cost of their university education. The move signals the end of

free degrees. Party leaders are planning to tackle the crisis in higher education funding by agree-ing students in future must pay back a proportion of their maintenance contributions through the national insur-

ance system. The party's national policy forum is expected to back the proposal this weekend. The idea was ditched at the last moment in 1993 when John Smith, then the leader, was not prepared to make an issue

will not be subject to repayment. The plan was proposed in a slightly different form by Jeff Rooker, the then higher edu-The proposals form part of a document on life-long learn-ing prepared by the shadow education secretary, David cation spokesman, three Blunkett. They will be un-veiled on Tuesday and subyears ago. John Smith subse-quently sacked Mr Rooker.

repayment of maintenance grants should be related to earnings with the grants paid back through the national insurance syste

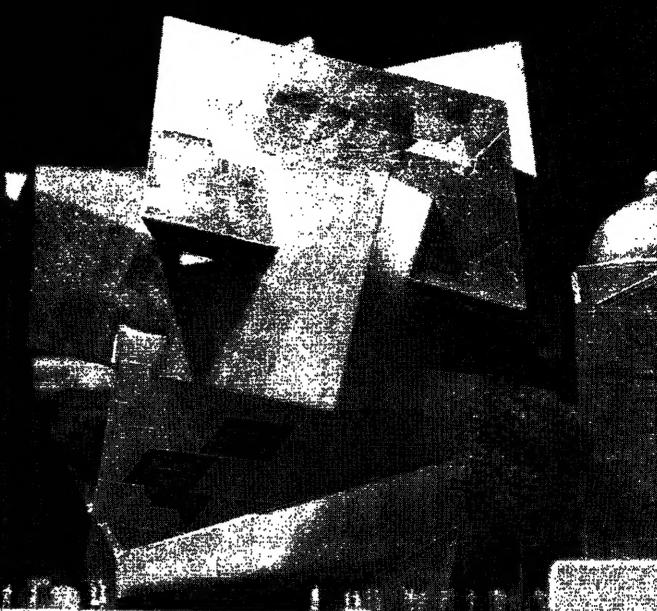
The speed of repayment will be geared to income levels to ease the costs of repayment in the initial years. Unemployed graduates will not be required to pay. The paper argues that the Government's National Stu-

fectively collapsed with takeup at less than half the number of students eligible. Many students are unable to meet the five year repaymen requirement schedules and faults are increasing.

rather than hinder children Labour points out that the number of students will have to continue to rise if Britain is to compete with other countries.

threatening to impose £300 per head student levy in 1997 to confront the financial crisis, a threat that forced the Government to set up the

The weekend forum is also likely to see some angry dele-gates denouncing the party hin over



Daniel Libeskind's design for the V & A extension, which he says will bring London 'into a more glorious and fantastic world' PHOTOGRAPH GRAHAM TURNE

which would provide easier access to Heathrow from the

Home Counties as well as

BA is negotiating with the American airline, Delta, in its

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George Best at 50

dent Loans Company has ef-

from poor families reach has stayed one step ahead of the Tories on this issue and is Vice-Chancellors have been pointing out that tuition fees

Dearing inquiry.

to the Government-established but bipartisan Dearing Commission on higher education funding. They come at the end of a

troubled fortnight for Labour dominated by disputes over policy and personalities.

Separate proposals to limit child benefit for children over 16 and switch funds to training and college education for 16 to 19-year-olds have already provoked unrest within

the party. Mr Blunkett has so far shown a sure footing on education policy, and senior leftwing members of the policy is contribution scheme, which discuss forum appeared yesterday to accept the logic of the propos-als, arguing they will help. The party is to propose that tabled.

receive broad support within of plans to withdraw child the party as the only way to benefit from parents of schoolchildren over 16. One forum member complained continue to fund the increasing number of students. The number of students has risen that announcing the plans be from 98,600 in 1985 to 327,000 fore the meeting was "not just a discourtesy, but underlines last year. The National Union of Stuthe extent to which policy dents and university heads making has become over-cen-have already reluctantly em- traised." braced the idea of paying

Chris Smith, the social securty spokesman, is expected to reassure delegates that a review of child benefit is under way but that no deciback some tuition costs through national insurance or the tax system to help fund a boom in student numbers.

sion had been made. Labour's proposals are modelled on an Australian government higher education He will not present detailed proposals himself, although a discussion paper on the Child contribution scheme, which discussion paper on the Child has avoided deterring chil-dren from poorer families. Support Agency and the future of pensions will be

Gasps and groans as V&A reveals its Spiral Architects split by tiled building

which 'explodes'

up from façade

Maey Kennedy Heritage Correspondent

HE Victoria and Albert Museum unveiled a jaw-dropping design for a new £42 million building on its South Kensington site yesterday. Its architect, Daniel Libeskind, de-scribed The Spiral, as "an Ariadne's thread leading into the interior of the museum".

It was promptly de-nounced as ghastly by Giles Worsley, editor of Perspec-architects." . Mr Libeskind building will include sev-

Sir Michael Hopkins, who designed the master plan for the development of the V & A and was on the short-"Inspiration" and "Knowl-edge". The finish was chosen to reflect the ancient tradition of tile work. from list of eight architects com-Islamic architecture to the peting for the new building, said he had admired Mr Li-US space shuttle, and the magnificent tiles in the mu-

salo be had admired Mr Li-beskind's work in the past. Others in the profession were also enthusiastic. Ed-ward Jones who, with Jer-eny Dixon, is building exseum's collections. Mr Libeskind was the unanimous choice of the assessors out of a shortlist in-cluding Sir Norman Foster, Nicholas Grimshaw and tensions to the Royal Opera House and National Por-trait Gallery, said he was delighted. "I feel pleased for him and the architec-Zaha Hadid after the assessors went to see his Berlin and Jewish museum. A US citizen of Polish oritural world that risks are gin, Mr Libeskind is Profes-

sor of Architecture at the University of California, being taken," he said. The innovative architect Piers Gough said: "It shows Los Angeles, but has a new sophistication in this worked extensively in

tives On Architecture, the said he had been inspired eral galleries and a two-magazine backed by the by the inscriptions on the storey restaurant. The blame was laid Prince of Wales. Sir Michael Hopkins, who "Inspiration" and "Knowl-that it will be about £5 ad- grant cuts.

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Britain-Russia spy row lan Black and Richard Norton-Taylor, and David Hearst in Moscow

OUR British diplomats are being expelled from Moscow and four Rus-sians from London in a negotiated conclusion to the most serious East-West espionage crisis since the end of the cold war, it was announced last night. Both countries hope rela-tions can now return to nor-

mal after a damaging 10-day episode. Well-placed Whitehall sources called the tit-fortat deal a "four-all draw". Russian officials in London

called the British move "unjust, unfounded and unacceptable retailation". Britain has made clear that it considered Moscow's action

almost certainly the result — almost certainly the result of the tense political atmo-sphere before next month's presidential elections — pre-posterous. It has warned it will retaliate again if the Rus-slans hit back.

Britain never denied Rus-sia's allegations, announced with fanfare 10 days ago, though it challenged Mos-cow's initial demand for the sian foreign ministry never expulsion of nine Britons as disproportionate. It insisted

that no incriminating evidence was produced. In a terse but moderatelyworded statement, the For-eign Office said last night that Russia's final position had

been given to the British am-bassador, Sir Andrew Wood, by the deputy foreign minis-ter, Sergei Krylov: four diplo-mats had been ordered to

leave the country in the next few days. The Foreign Office minis-ter, Sir Nicholas Bonsor, then called in the Russian ambas-caled in the Russian ambascaned in the Russian annas-sador, Anatoly Adamishin, and handed over names of four embassy staff to be with-drawn in the next fortnight. The statement conspicuously avoided the harsher word

"expel". Neither side, apparently by agreement, published the names of the staff who are **Battle for Kremlin, page 5**

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gave a figure. British officials made it **BA and Branson vie for control of rail links** clear as the negotiations con-tinued in Moscow that the greater the ambiguity sur-rounding the affair the easier it would be to reach a facesaving compromise. Britain also warned Russia from the start that there would be a significant resson's Virgin group is descend-ing into another fierce battle ponse with large-scale tit-for-tat expulsions of Russian dip-

lomats from London. Russian sources said that Western esplonage activity had become humiliatingly

brazen in recent years. A well-informed article in A wall-informed at the at the Moscow News claimed the British connection with the spy was revealed by sloppy work by MI6 officers, who had got rusty because they faced so little opposition from Russian counter-intelligence.

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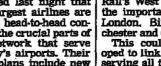
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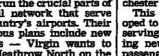
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ing into another herce barnie — five miles lower than be-fore as both sides vie for con-trol of the railways. It emerged last night that Britain's largest airlines are locked in a bead-to-head con-test to run the crucial parts of the rail network that serve the rail network that serve the country's airports. Their ambitious plans include new stations - Virgin wants to build Heathrow North on the





London-Reading line — and perhaps fast links between

row, Birmingham, Manches-ter and Glasgow. Both sides — still trading blows about Virgin's allega-tions of "dirty tricks" — are to bid for Thames Trains, which offer direct links be-tween London and the twee tween London and the two largest airports in the country. But even more significant is their interest in British Rail's West Coast main line, the important artery joining

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London, Birmingham, Man-chester and Glasgow. This could also be devel-oped to link with the airports cussions with American Air lines are still proceeding, but BA discounted reports from serving all these cities, creat-ing new traffic demand for passengers entering and leav-ing the country at Heathrow. The Thames Trains con-tract is to be let by the franthe United States last night that both sides were on the

verge of announcing a merger package.

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Keith Harper Transport Editor HE ceaseless and bitter rivalry between British Airways and Richard Bran-

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Patrick Wintour, Chief **Political Correspondent**

WO of John Major's three most senior ministers clashed on Europe yesterday when the Home Secretary,

Michael Howard, became the first member of the Cabinet to call openly for a repatriation of powers from the European Union

His demand came as the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, attacked Tory Europhobes and warned that disengagement from Europe would leave Britain as a "Switzerland with nuclear weapons".

Conservative officials in-sisted that Mr Howard's outspoken attack on the powers of the Strasbourg judges had been cleared with the Foreign Secretary, Malcolm Rifkind. in advance, and did not contradict the Government's

taken up their claim that a multi-speed Europe opens the way for Britain to win back powers it has ceded in the Maastricht Treaty and Single European Act.

Speaking to the European Research Group in London, Mr Howard said a multi-speed Europe "could allow those countries which wish to amalgamate their institutions to do so while permitting other states for example to remain within a single market, but outside a political union. This may indeed mean that some states would be able to repatriate powers which are currently exercised by Brussels." Mr Howard said Britain ard's self-interest within the had blazed the path on eco. Tory Party."

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nomic flexibility in Europe and now had the chance to do the same on political flexibili-ty. The Prime Minister has endorsed the idea of a multispeed Europe, but Mr Howard is the first cabinet minister to

spell out the possibility of reclaiming power Mr Howard also delivered a fierce attack on the European Court of Justice, accusing the Strasbourg judges of overstepping their powers and pursuing their own political agenda. He said the impression had been gained that the court could extend the jurisdiction of the EU without authority from the member states.

His remarks, inevitably seen as an attempt to keep up his profile in the crowded battle to lead the Euro-sceptics, came as the Chancellor battled to voice the case for Europe inside the Conserva-tive Party. Mr Clarke said: "In an era

European White Paper. But Tory sceptics will be of rapid change, the European delighted that Mr Howard has option offers us a leverage on world events which we could no longer, and would never, enjoy on our own." He also attacked Sir James Goldsmith and his Referen-

dum Party, saying it was easy for the press to be "mesmer-ised by a few individuals on the fringe of Conservative thinking who offer a radical alternative based on a minimalist state, deficit financing and protectionist policies". The shadow home secre tary, Jack Straw, described Mr Howard's intervention as having nothing to do with serving Britain's interests in Europe and everything to do with serving Michael How-



This 150ft by 40ft Nike poster featuring Italy's player Maldini dwarfs cars on the North Circular Road, London. The FA is accused of smaller-scale celebrationsphotograph: DAVID MAN

Football comes home — but to what?

Peter Hetherington

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councils, because the Governand John Duncan ment and the Football Association will not fund a proper URO 96, the world's third largest sporting event after the Olym-pics and the soccer football festival. Host cities have complained they will be left with multi-million pound deficits after World Cup, risks being the football authorities failed to biggest damp squib England has seen according to supprovide cash for essential ser-vices to sustain an estimated

porters groups and local 300,000 overseas visitors. shadow beritage secretary, said last night that a "pitiful" amount from the Government - £100,000 for the eight host

300,000 overseas visitors. | way to promote the UK with | Jack Cunningham, the billions tuned in around the | world — and ministers seem completely disinterested. They have blown it." The Government, which

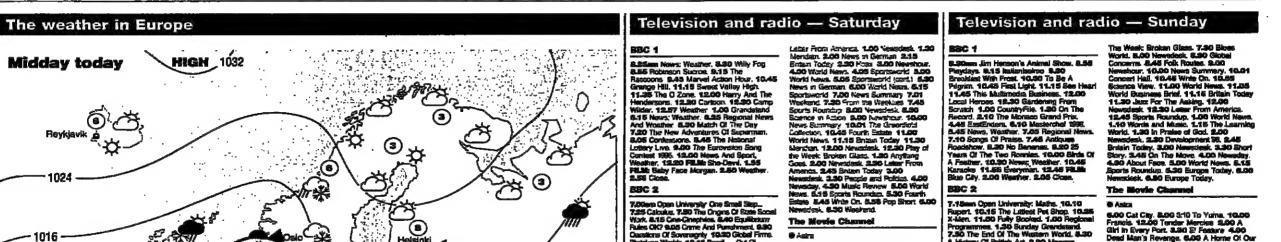
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The Football Supporters were so many strings anachen that only £100,000 is being accessed by local councils. With the cost of extra polic-ing likely to reach 55 million — plus the cost for councils of providing services such as intervention of the football Stupporters Association yesterday joined the criticism. "If you throw a party you expect it to cost a few bob," said Steve Beau-champé, its Euro 96 officer. "The tournament has a great Cities — would make Britain the laughing stock of Europe. "Here we are with the biggest sporting event many can remember — an excellent gramme of Euro 96, but there with ministers and the FA.

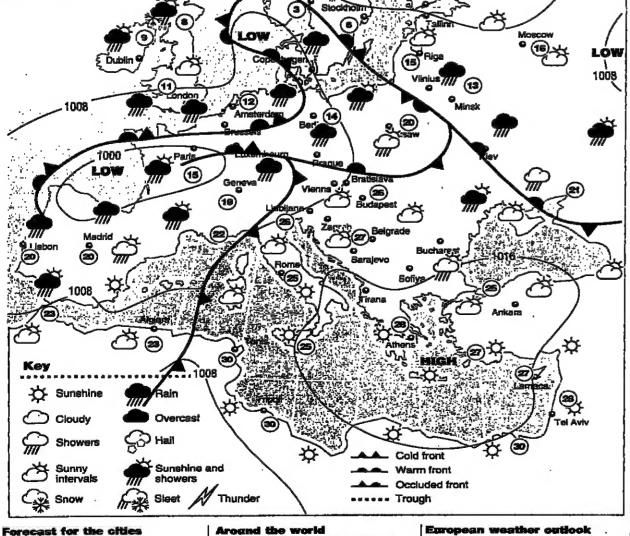
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Scandinavia Central and south-western Scandinavia, including Denmark, will be cloudy and unseasonably cold with showery outbreaks of rain and hill snow. Further north and east it will be much drier and brighter, but still decidedly chilly for

mid-May. Max temp 5-12C from north to south. Low Countries, Germany, Austria, Switzerland: Low pressure still dominates the weather over central and western Europe. That means it will be another very showery day with limited amounts of sunshine, atthough eastern Austria may escape and stay fine and fairly warm. Highs ranging from 10C on the Dutch coast to 23C near Vienna. More very disturbed weather today with showers or longer spells of rain likely just about anywhere, and there may be a few thunderstorms scattered about. Max temp 12-23C from Spain and Portugal Southern and eastern Spain should be dry and bright today with decent amounts of sunshine, but Portugal and western Spain will have some heavy showers and minimal sunshine. Max temp 18-24C. The mountains in northern Italy are likely to

see some heavy showers today, but the rest of the country will be sunny and very warm. Max temp 21-27C. Greece:Another very sunny and quite hot day with cooling sea breezes on the eaches, Highs 26-30C

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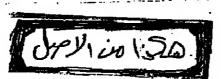
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West faces new Bosnia débâcle

Ed Vulliamy and Ian Black

HE WEST is heading for a new débàcle in Bosnia, according to a leaked United States document which concludes that the Dayton agreement which ended the war last autumn is rapidly falling apart. The draft report, compiled

mentation. The report chal-lenges the Clinton adminis-The draft report, compiled tration's public satisfaction with the plan's progress. The report focuses on the Bosnian elections, which by America's top intelligence analysts, warns President Bill Clinton and his allies that op-timism about Dayton is misplaced, and that elections due in September will create a President Clinton is keep to push ahead with, so he can go to the polls himself in Novem-ber with Bosnia as a trophy. The report judges that Bos-nia has no chance of returncountry as bitterly riven along ethnic lines as at any

along ethnic lines as at any time during the war. US intelligence sources yes-terday called the paper "the most important of its kind" since a CIA report in 1990 warned that Yugoslavia faced a bloody break-up. That report was ignored with di-sastrous results. The leaked draft says the Dayton plan is collapsing in the face of the continued defi-ance of indicted war crimi-

ance of indicted war criminals, notably the Bosnian Serb 'president', Radovan Karadzic, charged by the Hague tribunal with genocide.

It concludes that the Muslim-Croat federation brokered by the Americans in 1994 has become a meaningless farce, with the two groups prepar-ing for bloody confrontation. The report throws doubt on

whether elections can take place on schedule and raises the most fundamental ques-tion of all: what will happen in Bosnia if the US-led Nato peacekeeping troops leave as loody débacle by delaying the elections, and tying them in with the war crimes issue. peacekeeping troops leave as planned at the end of the year. Strains within the Atlantic alliance over what to do in Bosnia have begun to reap-pear in public. Last week, Richard Holbrooke, the bombastic architect of Dayton, once again accused America's train-wreck, not a triumph". European allies of undermin-

day across the alliance for the delivery of Mr Karadzic to the Hague tribunal to face charges of genocide, with the Foreign Office entering the fray with unprecedented gusto.

HE Samaritans had

resorted to nervously re-arranging the mineral water he would "call the Samaritans on the empty stage, when a self-effacing Fry entered, cen-tre stage, to deliver a bravura instead of picking up a cross Channel ferry ticket". He did not call the Samaritans be-cause as a celebrity he did not performance to launch the charity's week-long effort to feel he would be treated with feel he would be the anonymity, but now recogpromote its work.

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the independent newspaper

craft carrier pilots in Las Ve-

retary James Webb charged last month, in an open attack

merchant ship in the Atlantic

In an unrelated incident,

Mixing very frank revela-tions about his state of mind last year, when he walked out of a West End play, with witty self deprecation, Fry, aged 37, he said. "I think the only

thing that stopped me was the knowledge of the devastation it would cause to my family. It was the only bit of reason, the little voice in my head, which did not depend on a lidit which did not desert me. I did feel it was the neatest thing. I cannot understand it now. It is inexplicable."

Reason has nothing to do with it. "There is no logical explanation for despair," he said. "You can no more reason yourself into cheerfulness than you can reason yourself an extra six inches in beight. You can only be

better prepared." The Samaritans, who counsel people about suicide and mental illness, say 100,000 ople a year attempt suicide people a year attempt suicide in Britain, and nearly 7,000 succeed.

death every 75 minutes and when they are sober," said more strongly ... I hope

leaves a death toll 25 per cent higher than those killed in road accidents," said Simon Armson, the charity's chief executive, who introduced its report, Challenging the taboo. It showed the most common reason for suicide was the break-up of a relationship, followed by work or study prob-lems, alcohol, finances, social

isolation, housing, health and sexual abuse. But even though one in four people has been affected by suicide, more than a third believed depressed people should just "pull themselves together".

The least sympathetic to suicide and depression were the very young, the old and men. "Men would rather take

"This represents about one

Fry. Ironically, the survey showed the risk of suicide was highest in men aged under 25

and those aged over 65. Fry, who is finishing a novel and preparing to play the lead in a film on Oscar Wilde's life, attempted suicide when he was 16. "I swallowed a cocktail of tablets that made me projectile vomit so hard it hit the ceiling and woke up my brother in the next room," he said. He had his stomach pumped and soon recovered, but said it was possible the level of depression he suf-

deal with it. "It's like living in Florida where there may be another hurricane which will blow their trousers off in public hurricane which will blow when they're drunk than open the shield of their hearts I've built my house slightly

Old No.7

Actor and comedian Stephen Fry mixed frank revelations with witty self deprecation during yesterday's launch in London Enter Fry, centre stage, for bravura performance



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'Men would rather take their trousers off in public when they're drunk than open the shield of their hearts when they are sober'

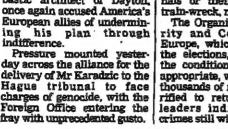
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Martin Walker

in Washington





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ing to anything other than the ethnically-based parties that were welded together during the slide to war in 1991. The report says the politi-cal leaders of all three com-

munities are intent on en-trenching their own ethnic power-bases, and fear their authority would be dissipated

Senior British officials said they were prepared to support anti-Karadzic Serbs in what is

becoming a ferocious internal power struggle. A summit in Florence next month is due to assess the Dayton plan midway through its mandated year of imple-mentation. The secont obd

by a multi-ethnic state. An intelligence source in Washington told the Guardian that the report, summa rised in the New York Times

was "a draft, not the final thing, and wouldn't have leaked out unless its authors were worried that it might not end up looking like that".

A former US senior policy maker said the report wa part of a campaign by the CIA and other agencies to con-vince Mr Clinton to avert a gence agencies wanted to point out that "you can't hold elections while the criminals

on depression and suicide and their henchmen are still running the show. An elec-tion that returns war crimi-Gary Younge

rity and Cooperation in Europe, which is organising the elections, has said that

wanted to talk about sul-cide but were beginning to fear the worst. Half an hour after the scheduled starting

time and actor and comedian, Stephen Fry, had still not turned up. They kept the coffee flowing, but were running out of biscuits. They had just

Alex Bollos

HE family of a charity worker run over by Nicholas Bonham, deputy chairman of Knightsoridge auctioneers Bonham's, caused angry scenes at the Old Bailey yesterday when he was cleared of causing death by dangerous driving. He was fined £500 and disqualified for 2 months after admitting careless driving. careless driving. Steve Franklin, whose father Eric was hit by Bon-ham's BMW motorcycle,

shouted "You are going to die," as police officers moved in to protect the defendant. Mr Franklin added: "We are the lower classes, the

likes of us would be locked

up." His sister tried to get to Bonham, a friend of the Prince of Wales, and said: "Bastards like you don't get justice. You killed my dad and the margin."

he was our only parent." Bonham had to leave the court through the cells area to avoid Mr Franklin's relatives.

avoid Mr Franklin's relatives. Mr Franklin never regained consciousness after the accident on a pedestrian crossing in Battersea Park Road in Battersea Park Road in Battersea, south-west London, last September. He died two days later in hospital from skull and brain injuries. Judge Paul Collins told the court that he sentenced on the basis that Bonham had been acquitted of causing death by dangerous driving but had ad-mitted from the outset that he drove without care and attern tion. He said 'T cannot attempt to measure the value of life which has been lost by the charge.
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to measure the value of life which has been lost by the result of your driving without due care and attention. That would be quite wrong on a charge of driving without due care and attention."

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Nicholas Bonham ... upset but 'the result is right'

He took into account Bonher work into account Bon-ham's "excellent character and that you showed remorse from the moment the impact took place". The judge also ac-cepted that Bonham, aged 47. had suffered the effects of his careless driving, but added it was nothing to that which Mr Franklin's family had sustained.

destrian crossing. He had been travelling at a sensible cruising speed. Outside the court, Bonham said: "The whole thing has been a tragic accident and I am distraught at what hap-pened I think the result is ab-countagy right and I am

Navy Times ran an anony-mous letter this week saying Boorda should resign. "Every N AFRICAN American was tipped yesterday as President Bill Clinton's likely choice to replace Admi-ral Jeremy "Mike" Boorda, who committed suicide on Thursday to spare the navy a scandal over his wearing of medals he had not earned. Admiral J. Paul Reason, promoted recently to comofficer from four star to the newest midshipman at the academy has no respect for the man at the top," it said. Boorda, the first enlisted man to rise to command the US Navy, has grappled with only moderate success with only moderate success with the force's problems. The 600-ship navy of the Reagan years is now only half that size. It has faced a cheating, drug dealing and car theft scandal at the celebrated Naval Acadpromoted recently to com-mand the Atlantic fleet, was one of the three main contenders for the task of restor-ing the battered morale of the navy. He would be the first African American to hold the top navy job - chief of naval emy, and the after-shocks of the Tailhook scandal. operations. Adm Reason specialized in

nuclear engineering, became gas - in 1991 prompted com-plaints from women officers of gross and drunken sexual harassment. This led to a

series of purges, and a naval sensitivity to sexual discrimi-nation which inspired Adm Boorda to order a 24-hour "stand down" last year for the navy to "take a long, hard look at ourselves". Boorda was criticised for failing to defend Admiral

Stanley Arthur, who took retirement after his appoint-ment to command the Pacific fleet was challenged over the handling of the promotion of a woman.

a woman. "Some senior officers are guilty of the ultimate disloy-alty. To save or advance their careers, they abandoned the very ideals of their profession in order to curry favour with politicians." former navy sec-

reporters were coming to see him about his right to wear the medals. Boorda suddenly cancelled lunch and a meeton Boords. • A US Navy nuclear-powered attack submarine collided with a Saudi Arabian cancelled limch and a meet-ing, and went home to shoot himself in the chest with his son-in-law's 38 pistol. "Within the military, this is a big deal," said Roger Charles, who works for the National Security News Ser-nics which first invariant

merchant ship in the Anamic off Virginia yesterday, with-out causing injuries, the navy said. There has been a spate of accidents involving the navy, including crashes of several F-14 fighter jets. vice, which first investigated the admiral's right to the several F-14 fighter i can't imagine how he would **Oblumy, page 20**

For though we respect and fear Germans more because they gave us our wretched royal family, as well as toothbrush moustaches and Christmas trees our oldest and best tabloid quarrel, lasting century after century, inexhaustible in the variety of mutual insults it affords, lies with the French.

Nicholas Fraser, Outlook page 13



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JACK DANIEL'S TENNESSEE WHISKEY

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The search for commercial sponsors for the proposed exhibition at Greenwich has had to be extended by six weeks. Work on clearing the site has not started. In some quarters, words such as 'shambles' are being used. And January 1, 2000, is getting uncomfortably close



Dan Glaister on a flagship event

Fears for millennium deadline

The Millennium Exhibition site at Greenwich, where work has not yet started on the clearing of toxic waste

tion of the new century, has to be ready on January 1,

2000. But yesterday it emerged that the Millennium Commis-sion had extended by six weeks to the end of June the deadline for finding commercial sponsors for the project. The commission has to match the £200 million of National Lottery funds already com-mitted to the project with funds from the private sector.

The Greenwich exhibition will involve the regeneration of a 70-acre former gasworks site owned by British Gas. The first stage of work would be to clear the area of toxic waste. With plans for the ex-hibition apparently running late, the bidders behind Birmingham's rejected attempt to stage the exhibition said

they were ready to step in. John Cole, marketing direc-

T IS one deadline that cannot be missed. The Greenwich Millennium Exhibition, the flagship event of Britain's celebra-bave discussions with them if State of the have discussions with them if they are in the market for a radical re-appraisal. I believe the delay. "It's the wrong the big corporate sponsors feel more comfortable with something in the centre of

England reaching out to the rest of the country." A spokeswoman for the Milcomes under the jurisdiction of the Department of National Heritage, and the Heritage Secretary, Virginia Bottom-Levene, one-time adviser to the Prime Minister on effiley, is chair woman of the Mil-

ciency --- to devise a business plan that would make the prolennium Commission, but the driving force behind the ject commercially viable, said it remained committed in principle to the project. "Sir Peter is being asked to iden-tify partners," she said. "The Millennium Commission, like the commercial neutrons has event is thought to be the Deputy Prime Minister, Michael Heseltine. Potential commercial inves-tors and sponsors have com-plained that the Greenwich plans are too vague, but imagination, the design group charged with the creative work, said the only details the commercial pariners, has to be assured of the project's viability before finally committing to it." Sources close to the project missing were the financial ones. "All the creative and de-

suggested that too much political capital had been invested sign work is in place," a tor for Birmingham National | in the Greenwich Exhibition | spokeswoman said

tion of time - will include 12 pavilions arranged in a circle to resemble a clock face. Each will examine a different as-pect of time. The exhibition will last a year.

place. It will cost three times what it would have cost in Birmingham, but it will prob-ably go ahead in Greenwich." The Millennium Exhibition Nigel Spearing, Labour MP for Newham South, which borders the site, said the project was flawed in its concep tion. He called on the commis-sion to involve the local boroughs, the boroughbacked Greenwich Millennium Trust and the Corpora-

The exhibition — a celebra | tion of London in the project. | have to be addressed. There ion of time — will include 12 | Michael Cassidy, chairman | has to be a clear leader for the of the corporation's policy and resources committee, ad-mitted the project was a shambles, but said: "While we're extremely keen for Lon-

don to have this enormous investment, we're not going to barge in now." Nick Raynsford, MP for Greenwich, said that given the tight timetable given to Sir Peter, the delay was not surprising, "but the weak-

project. I want to see a single communal structure, so that investors can see how their money is being used." Mr Raynsford dismissed

Birmingham's late bid. "If Greenwich doesn't happen, nothing will happen. If this is to be a success, it has to be somewhere with interna-tional pull ... If the Govern-ment fluffs this one the surprising, 'but the weak count nesses that have emerged price. country will pay a heavy

The Guardian Saturday May 18 1996

Europe challenge to police immunity rule

News in brief

A CHALLENGE to the rule that victims of crime cannot sue the police for negligence cleared the first hurdle in Strasbourg yesterday on the way to the European Court of Human Rights. The European Commission of Human Rights ruled admissible a claim by the family of a man who was shot and killed by a teacher who had threatened to "do a Hungerford". The commis-sion will still have to decide on the merits of the case before sending it to the human rights ourt

sending it to the human rights court. Mulkive Osman and her son, Ahmet Osman, claim that police immunity from negligence actions in investigating and suppressing crime breaches articles of the convention guaran-teeing the right to life and right to a fair trial. In 1987 police were informed that Paul Paget-Lewis, who taught the son, then 14. in Hackney, east London, had threatened to "do something which would be a sort of Hungerford" and had caused incidents at the Osmans' home. Paget-Lewis then killed Ali Osman, the father, and injured the son. He further shot and injured his school's denuity bead and killed his son

deputy head and killed his son. Paget Lewis was convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to be detained in a secure mental hospital. The family sued for negligence, but the court ruled that public policy required immunity for the police. — Clare Dyer

Driver held after cliff plunge

POLICE are holding the driver of a van which plunged over a 60-foot cliff, killing two passengers and injuring four others. The plunge took place at 3am yesterday when the van carrying seven people left the coastal road near Broadstairs, Kent. The 18-year-old driver could not be found at the scene and was arrested later. The dead were Neil Harvey-Jones, 30, and Samantha Edwards, 17, both from Ramsgate. The injured – Melissa Kennett, Laura Sells, Gary Blake, and another young man, all in their late teens or early 20s — were yesterday at the Kent and Canterbury Hospital in Canterbury, A coasiguard spokesman said: "There was quite a lot of carnage and one of the victims had to be taken to hospital by a helicopter."

Paint-daubing 'victory' PHOTOGRAPH: GARRY WEASE

PEACE campaigners celebrated a "symbolic victory" yesterday When a 26-year-old woman was given 140 hours' community service plus £100 costs for doing £21,504 of damage at a United States National Security Agency base. Kate Witham, who works on supply convoys to former Yugoslavia, daubed Peace, Truth, Justice and Freedom in red paint on the golfhall radomes at Menwith Hill, Yorkshire, Yorkshire CND asserted that Ms Witham who climbed into Buck inchar Pelace cardense three Witham, who climbed into Buckingham Palace gardens three years ago on a nuclear protest, had been "effectively vindicated" by the sentence. — Martin Wainwright

HRT helps stop bone disease

RESULTS of a 10-year trial of continuous hormone replacement therapy showing its effect on the onset of the brittle bone disease, osteoporosis, in post-menopausal women were presented to a conference in Amsterdam yesterday. Women who received the treatment had an estimated 30 per cent reduction in fracture risk over 10 years, compared with a 12 or cont in proceed with a treatment in group. Performent

per cent increased risk in an untreated group. Previous studies have only been conducted over five years. Osteoporosis threatens the health of one in three European women over the age of 50.



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Sir Peter Levene, planning; Michael Heseltine, driving force; Nigel Spearing, critical

Offer to Allitt families

Parents of nurse's victims given 2 weeks to accept stress payout

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Owen Bowcott

ARENTS of the victims of the child killer Beverley Allitt have been made a time-limited offer by Lincolnshire health authority to settle their claims for posttraumatic stress.

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be shared among 13 families ilies, as too rushed, "There's would avoid an expensive test case over liability. Under the offer received by lawyers yesterday, the parents of the four children murdered by Allitt in 1991 at Grantham and Kesteven hos

end of the month. The two-week deadline was dismissed by Lesley Herbert-son, solicitor for half the fam-

no way we can work to these time limits," she said. Compensation for the death of the four children has bee paid out. Those parents received between £7,500 and £20.000. Interim awards have been made to the parents of

the children injured. Full settlements are still under discussion The authority's offer was in

response to claims for com-pensation for the post-traumatic stress the parents suf-fered. Paul Balen, solicitor for one family, said the health au-thority appeared to have recognised at last that the parents were also victims.

Under what has become known as the Hillsborough test - only those present at the football stadium when Liverpool fans were crushed to death could claim compensation for post-traumatic stress — the health authority believes most of the parents of Allitt's victims would not qualify for payments. "The parents were mainly

out of the ward or at home when the attacks took place." spokeswoman said yester "We are trying to save the families months of litigation through the courts." Only if all 13 families accept the offer will the authority pay out

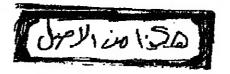
Allitt, aged 29. is in Ramp ton top security hospital ser ing 13 life sentences.

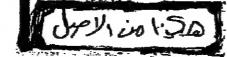
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FOCUS 5 The battle for the Kremlin heats up

POWER STRUGGLE/Boris Yeltsin appears set to do anything to retain office as Russia's polls loom, writes **David Hearst** in Moscow

USSIA'S presiden-tial election, the first round of which is due to take place four norrow, will break in the country's where is the prime minister, Viktor Chernomyrdin, or did Mr Korzhakov ensure that it was? first round of take place four weeks tomorrow, will break new ground in the country's When Boris Yeltsin was

The the peaceful handover of power is a problem because power is concentrated in the When Borns reitsin was elected president of the Rus-sian Federation in 1991, he was not head of state, only of one of the Soviet Union's republics. This poll, then, is the first for a Dussian head of hands of the presidency. The

CIS leaders the first for a Russian head of state. If it goes ahead. Mr Yeltsin's ever-present bodyguard, Lieutenant-Gen-eral Alexander Korzhakov, enter the frav

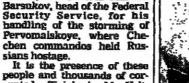
PRESIDENT Boris Yeltsin's re-election bid yesterday won enthusiastic backing from has already said that he leaders of former Soviet repub-lics worried that the communists might try to end their in-dependence if they win.

> Moscow summit they backed Mr Yeltsin. - Reuter.

entire law enforcement structure of the Russian state is headed by Mr Yeltsin's per-In short, Mr Yeltsin and his sonal appointees. With the a violation of the law, entourage of frightened and possible exception of General Mr Zyuganov ev

Anatoli Kulikov, the interior minister, they could not work verything to stay in power. There is no law on the han-over of power from one dem-cratically elected president ocratically elected president to another. All that is said is that a president has 30 days to ure. A handover of power would necessitate an am-

nesty for Mr Korzhakov for the storming of the White



rupted officials in Mr Yelt-sin's administration and in the regions that make the weight of the past almost too heavy for the young Russian state to handle.

There is now no legal way to postpone the election, whose first round will take place on June 16. The second round has to be held within 30 days, and that could only be put off by amending the constitution, which could not be done in time.

A state of emergency could be introduced by the Council of the Federation, parliament's upper house, peopled largely by Yeltsin appointees. But to stop a revolt in Com-munist-dominated regions, they would have to prove that some concrete danger existed to the state,

Mr Zyuganov even de-scribed what in his view would be a "justifiable" coup, saying that Mr Yeltsin would army support, and good eco-nomic conditions — none of which, he says, applies. Russia is therefore faced with a paradox. Mr Yeltsin is locked into holding the elec-



MEDIA/The main television stations and newspapers back the president,

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Moscow reports

ONTROL over the mass media has never been much of a problem for the rulers of post-Soviet countries. The problem has been using that control to win votes.

By backing Boris Yeltsin openly, as it is now, the Rusian media risk losing in three ways: turning the underdog-loving electorate towards the Communists, discrediting the democratic values it claims to be defending, and inciting the Communists to similar manipulation if they win.

Although the picture at the regional level is more mixed, the president goes into this election with the open or tacit support of Russia's three main elevision stations and most of its national newspapers. Electronic and print news media try with various degrees of subtlety to follow the president's agenda and show him in the best possible light, while portraying his main rival, the Communist leader Gennady Zyuganov, as a lightweight upstart, a menace or, more usually, not at

There is no comparison between the anodyne, patronis-ing collage of lies, denunciations and eulogies which Russians were fed in Soviet times and the media's pro-Yeltsin line now, accompa-

nied as it is by much anguisb and cynicism from the reluctant Yeltsin supporters and by continued criticism of the government, particularly over the war in Chechenia. The media is still incomparably more diverse, bold and

entertaining than it was 10 years ago. But that only makes its pro-Kremlin line

more dispiriting. The fate of Kukli, the Spit-ting Image-style satirical pup-pet show, says a lot about the way the media landscape has changed. Last year the show seemed

At one point, while Mr Yelt-sin was in hospital — apparently at death's door after his heart attack — his puppet was seen jauntily holding forth as guest of hon-our at a celebrity dinner. Talk was rife of a shutdown of NTV, the commercial channel which made Kukli. Now the Yeltsin puppet sel-

dom appears on Kukli with-out a sober presidential sult, a Russian flag and a suitably sober presidential script -- almost more, rather than less, dignified than its human counterpart. It isn't funny

The head of NTV. Igor Ma-lashenko, has joined the pres-idential campaign team. Yevgeny Kiselyov. the fearless anchorman of NTV's weekly current affairs programme Itogi, has turned his hand to red-baiting. Mr Ilyusbenko is in prison. It has not been hard for Mr

Yeltsin to sign up the media. Many newspapers and broad-

Many journalists genuinely fear the Communists will move to restrict their freedom of expression still

further if they win

casters depend on the government for money. Media moguls genuinely fear the Communists will take away their advertising revenue, and many journal-ists genuinely fear the Com-munists will restrict their freedom of expression still further.

The problem is that the history of elections in Russia and other former communist countries has shown that saturation coverage of the party of power, and slurs on rivals, are more capable of losing votes than winning them. Alexei Pankin, of the Euro-

pean Media Institute, said studies of election campaigns in Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Hungary, Macedonia and elsewhere had shown that bias was counterproductive.

"The amount of votes the ruling party gets decreases in inverse proportion to the amount of unction poured to be at war with the presi-dential team — the general prosecutor, Alexander Ilyuvictory? Are the dark forces in message, criticising calls for shenko, began a criminal in- over them on the state-con-so beloved of Russian conspir- an unconstitutional postpone- front of a poster of the former Soviet leader Josef Stalin PHOTOGRAPH SERGE KARPUGHN vestigation against it. I trolled airwaves," he said.

DARK FORCES/ The fates of many nervous power brokers hang on a Yeltsin win

has reached is only 28 per cent of the vote — the air is thick

with rumours of deals, pacts and enforced resignations.

In short, Mr Yeltsin and his

guilty men give the impression that they are prepared to do

dover of power from one dem-

hand power to his successor.

It remains a most point who keeps control of the nu-

everything to stay in power.

May: "We have no right to have declared themselves. allow a defeat." He reaches General Alexander Korzha for the top secret folder on his desk marked "Contingency Plans"...

Is there a contingency plan? Would those who have grown rich and powerful under Mr essary and harmful. Yeitsin's patronage really allow him to go into a second round if he was not certain of

kov, Mr Yeltsin's security chief and right-hand man, told the Observer and Inter-fax that elections were unnec-

The "Group of 13" big bankers and industrialists, led by Boris Berezovsky, have issued a more ambiguous

David Hearst in Moscow

Mr Zyuganov has warned against a "forced resolution" of the problem Mr Yeltsin faces in securing a second term. He has written to the enforcement ministries and the prosecutor's office describing their responsibility in case of

have to have more than half of the population on his side,

tions, but many find it incon-ceivable that he would be pre-

clear button in this period. House in October 1998; for Where was the black box in October when Mr Yeltsin col-defence minister, for launch-October when Mr Yeltsin col-lapsed and was rushed to bos-ing the war against Che-if they went against him.



wants it "postponed". Top ad-visers and leading business-men have talked of civil war — or of Russia being divided once again into the Whites and the Reds — in the event of either a Communist victory bers of the Commonwealth of Independent States said at a or a close result As Mr Yeltsin's personal opinion rating levels out the most optimistic score he

Leaders of the 11 other mem-

ARLY morning in Moscow, , Sunday June the first round of the presidential election held two weeks earlier are confirmed: the Communist leader. Gen-nady Zyuganov, leads Boris

Yeltsin by a huge margin. A weary president sits at his desk, weighing his options. The grudging support of the defeated candidates, Grigory Yavlinsky and Alexander Lebed, and the ambivalent endorsement of the ultra-nationalist Vladimir Zhirinovsky, is not enough to guarantee him victory when he takes on Mr Zyuganov in the second round on July 7.

Mr Yeltsin thinks back to his words in Astrakhan in Clout: Boris Berezovsky

ment of elections but urging acy theorists capable of frees-

ing elections without provok-ing a civil war? The odd thing is that the dark forces in this case are not cloaked in conspiratorial an unspecified "compromise" and warning: "Businessmen posssess the necessary resources and will to influ-ence politicians who are too silence. To some extent, they

unprincipled and too reluc-tant to compromise." It is easy to understand why Gen Korzhakov and the businessmen - Mr Bere-zovsky in particular - might fear the fall of their patron and a Communist win.

More alarming is the call for a postponement of the election by General Leontin Ruznetsov, commander of the crucial Moscow military district, who would appear to

have had everything to gain from keeping his head down. Mr Yeltsin has repeatedly said the election will take place as scheduled. But his

in 1998 9 million more

people cast their vote than

koy has no business com menting on politics would have sounded more convinc-ing if he had punished him. There is a third source of nervous people, whose fates are intimately linked to Mr Yeltsin's: thousands of bureaucrats in Moscow and

protestations during his

Volga trip that Gen Korzha-

the provinces whose posts depend directly on the president and his closest advisers. These people run virtually

the entire structure of regional and local government. The concept of "stability"

for these men and women does implies not smooth elec-tions but the continuation of

trolled airwaves," he said.

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David Hearst in Moscow

and much besides.

constitution and the parlia-mentary elections, which were both held in Decem-**OSEF STALIN** said that

ti does not matter who votes, but who counts the votes. Falsification in the votes. Falsification in in that election and last the casting and counting of ballot papers has become a cent of ballot papers were ballot papers has become a fact of Russian elections, the question is, how much

taken early, allowing ballot boxes to filled out of sight ber 1993. Mr Sobianin claims that of independent observers. No check is made on the

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Sleight of hand at the ballot box

of observers was rejected were registered to vote. This deft manipulation is done in a number of ways. by the upper house. The size of the problem is daunting: there are 100,000 polling stations and more In a country with no secure postal system, some votes for servicemen are than 1 million people are in volved in counting votes. Mr Sheinis said: "The

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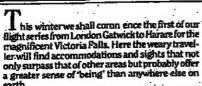
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6 WORLD NEWS

Kashmir captives may be dead

Suzanne Goldenberg in New Delhi

ASHMIRI police were searching for signs of overturned earth near the town of Ananinag yester-day, after reports that four Western hostages, including two Britons, may have been killed.

A separatist militant from the Harkat-ul-Ansar group said under interrogation ear-lier this week that be believed the four men, seized nearly a year ago, had been killed.

Harkat-ul-Ansar is thought to be the parent organisation of al-Faran, the group which claimed responsibility for kidnapping the four tourists.

The Britons Paul Wells and Keith Mangan were kid-napped with an American and a German last July while and a German last July while trekking in a remote area of the Kashmir valley. Al-Faran has demanded the release of comrades held in an Indian jail in return for the four.

The captured militant reportedly told his interroga-tors that the hostages were killed last December 13. He is believed to have said that he did not witness the killings. American diplomats said

they suspected there was some incident involving the hostages last December, but the British High Commission said it was working on the premise that all four men were alive.

There have been several unconfirmed reports since their seizure that the hostages were dead. But the In-dian authorities insisted the men were alive, offering reports of sightings by people living in the mountains where the kidnappers made their hideout.

There has been no concrete proof of the hostages' welfare since February, when the kid-nappers released a photo-graph of the four men. The kidnappers broke off negotiations with the Indian authori-

ties several months ago. Indian officials said they were not entirely satisfied with the photograph, which with the photographs, what the kidnappers said was taken in January. Earlier photographs had been sub-stantiated by prof that the men were alive.

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India's Crisis Management Team, which has been in charge of the hostage affair since July, is to meet today to review the latest evidence from the team conducting the ground search.



Flancée's farewell . . . Adinda Sarasuati leans over the coffin to place a ring on the finger of Navi Panekenan, murdered by their kidnappers as the Indonesian army mounted an operation to rescue them and four British captives in Irian Jaya this week PHOTOGRAPH: ANDODO

Hostages weep for their friend

several hundred people.

The four rescued Britons mixed relief and grief at the funeral of their murdered colleague, reports John Aglionby in Jakarta

ture reserve in Indonesia's at a Christian cemetery in remotest province. east Jakarta and attended by HE four Britons and remotest province. They still looked dazed and five other hostages rescued from rebels

weak. Medical checks revealed they had lost be-tween 211b and 351b each, and in the mountainous jungle province of Irian Jaya Wednesday attended the funeral yesterday of one of the two Indonesians murare all suffering from insom-nia and respiratory tract and skin infections. Annette van dered by the kidnappers. Unable to hold back tears, der Kolk has also experienced

the four Cambridge Universi-ty students, William Oates, Daniel Start, Anna McIvor and Annette van der Kolk, 'mild depression reaction". The funeral was particu larly poignant for Anna Mcl-vor, for she saw the attack on stood silently together at the graveside of Navi Panekenan, the joint leader of the Britons' kenan and the other victim, Yoshias Lasamahu. The cerémony, organised by the armed forces, was held expedition to the Lorentz na-

Dutch to their respective They declined to be inter-

viewed but Daniel Start said: "It's great to be free but it's obviously marred by the tragic death of the two Indonsians

There was a huge military presence, including a special forces guard of honour and four soldiers in combat gear who paraded at the graveside and fired a rifle volley in tribute before the coffin was low-

ered into the ground. some fried rice and I just ate and ate and ate as I had eaten At the end of the service a bugier played the Last Post before relatives and friends nothing but forest fruit for the last week laid wreaths by a wooden Anna McIvor said she was very grateful to the Indone-

Earlier the nine hostages sian army and was relieved to were formally handed over to be free.

the civilian authorities, and close and wanted to kill all then the four Britons and two the Indonesians."

The two ambassadors and Lieutenant-General Suyono, the Indonesian army's chief of general affairs, told a press conference that the hostages were feeling much better after food and rest.

The British ambassador. Later William Oates ap-peared on television and Graham Burton, said: "It has been a most trying four and a half months for everyone but thanked the army for rescuing them. He said: "They brought me the hostages are not going to urry home.

"They have got a few plans of their own and no firm deci-

Jakarta. The special forces commander, Brigadier-General The Guardian Saturday May 18 1996

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Munro, Hong Kong director of Human Rights Watch Asia "In their promises of trade, there is a threat, increasingly explicit, that countries which raise rights issues will be dis criminated against."

Wecutives in tow, Michael Heseltine ar-rives in Beijing today to drum up trade for British firms, Mr Heseltine, who will also visit Shanghai and Hong Kong, has stressed that eco-nomic ties are Britain's paraager to capitalise on noisy Sino-American squabbles to mount concern.

scoop up incrative deals. The deputy prime minis-ter's visit comes only two days after China and the China has sought to drive a wedge between Europe and the US, dangling multi-mil-lion-pound deals for countries United States announced titfor-tat economic sanctions in a row over copyright piracy. The latest round of trans-Pawilling to take a less robust stand on human rights. "The Europeans watch the US take the lead on the World Trade Organisation, intelleccific fist-shaking is unlikely to result in a full trade war but should help distract atten-tion from Britain's quarrels with China over Hong Kong. British merchants have tual property and human rights, and say: 'We are right behind you'," said the Beijing

long grumbled that Governor Chris Patten's attempts to exrepresentative of a leading American corporation. "Then they come to China and say: pand democracy in the colony have hurt their commercial interests in China. 'Jeez, I can't believe what the Americans are doing to you'."

Last month Beijing placed an order for 38 European Air-bus planes, ending its previ-ous preference for American Designed The article and the state Despite Mr Heseltine's boasts of more than £1 billion worth of new business during mission to Beijing last year, Boeings. The switch, though probably motivated more by price than politics, was pre-sented by Beijing as a rebuke Britain continues to be the laggard in the China trade. It exports more to Taiwan than China, which buys far more to Washington from Germany, France and Italy than from Britain.

British exports to China fell by 2.4 per cent in 1995, though they did pick up towards the end of the year, an increase end of the year, an increase officials cite to counter sug-gestions that Mr Hesaltine's 1995 China roadshow was fruitless. The big beneficiary, though, was China. Chinese exports to Britain — more

press freedom, launch of Mr Leung's tabloid than double its imports rose 18 per cent. "The Chinese government is using its new economic clout to divide and rule West ern governments," said Robin angered the triad gangs. is using its new economic

Germans bow to Chinese pressure

ian Traynor in Bonn HR cultural arm of the German government has bowed to pressure from Beijing and cancelled

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warned by the Chinese an-

sion has been taken on the time of departure. They spent last night together in month in Munich. What appears to be an-

other triumph for trade policy towards China was ing the first Western leader

The threat was taken to mean that the Chinese would close down the insti-tute in Beijing. After the Germans caved in, the Bonn foreign office ap-plauded the cancellation. Last November Chancel-for Helmut Kobl visited China and drew criticism by playing down human rights protests and becom-

since the 1989 Tiananmen

 Hong Kong journalists and publishers offered a record reward of HK\$4 million (£340,000) for the capture of the gangsters who sliced the arm off a colleague. The attack on Leung Tin-wai in his office on Wednesday was

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style magazine. Surprise Weekly, which had published

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bowo Subianto, said tha military operations were con-tinuing in Irian Jaya to cap tages, Panekenan's fiancée Adinda Sarasuati, described ture the leaders of the kidnap how the two men were killed.

"All the foreigners except Anna had been taken on ahead," she said. "The kidpers, Kelly Kwalik and Daniel "We will fight to the last nappers were behind us when they suddenly turned on Navi drop of blood to cleanse Irian Jaya and the whole of Indone-

and Yoshias. sia of security disturbance "I saw he started to hit Navi and I could only scream movements," he said. The government denies that any separatist organisation "Why, why?' and 'Navi, Navi'," she said. "Navi said 'It's not my exists in Indonesi The forestry ministry has fault. Praise the Lord.' He closed Irian Jaya to scientific

then fell to the ground. researchers until the army "I kept screaming and the declares it safe. killer had his eye on me. Then he saw Markus (Warip Most of the hostages were on a joint Cambridge Univer-sity and Jakarta Biological - another Indonesian hos tage] and he was beaten by Sci many of them. I think they the Baliem valley when they knew that the army was very were slezed on January 8.

World news in brief

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Legal history

Australia swore in its first ab-

original judge at a packed

Sydney courtroom yesterday



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charges against him have not been disclosed. damage. Shoe prints were found on her head and hand. Under state law, no child under the age of 12 can be sen-The case coincides with the tenced to more than two years

adults, and reduce from 12 to 10 the age at which children can be prosecuted as juvenile delinquents.

mer lawyer Bob Bellear began tune and I hope the forces of

studying law in the early 1970s in response to wide-spread police harassment of law and order act 'quickly [against them]." - Reuter.

Gun attack Aborigines. -- Reuter. Suspected Corsican separatist guerrillas machine-gunned a

Big problem French gendarmerie barracks on the Mediterranean island yesterday but no one was hurt, police said. — Reuter. Construction workers had to rip a hole in the side of a house yesterday to allow a house yesterday to allow a 400-450 kg man, who may be the heaviest person in the world, to go to hospital. He has been unable to walk for 10 Leftwing arrests South Korean police said yes weeks - AP.

Fine result

A Russian whose dog savaged to death an aggressive drunk when he lashed out at its owner will be fined just £2.50 for improperly walking the animal because the law provides no other punishment, Itar-Tass news agency said yesterday. — Reuter.

Bad fortune

Rome's leftwing mayor said yesterday he wanted to ban gypsy fortupe tellers from the city's streets, saying it was not fair for tourists to be cursed if they refused to have their palms read. "There's nothing picturesque about in a ceremony hailed as a step towards racial harmony. For- They're making a small for-

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ternational as an act of "in-Square massacre to visit a stitutionalised cowardice". People's Army barrac The Goethe Institute, The visit resulted in contracts of up to 2 billion marks (£900 million) The which promotes German language and culture abroad, has organised a barracks visit was seen as a three-week festival of Chimove to promote Sino-Gernese culture for Munich. In addition to featuring man arms deals. Chinese art, films, drama and exhibitions, the pro-gramme included discus-

The Munich city authori-ties have offered to host the human rights debate, but Beijing has continued to push for cancellation and it tions on human rights with sinologists, journalists, and a few Chinese dissidents. is doubtful if the meetings will take place. Amnesty International The head of the Goethe In-

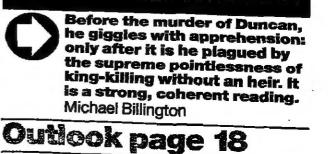
said: "By bowing to Beij-ing's pressure and with-drawing from the human stitute in Beijing was thorities that there would be unspecified "conserights discussion, the instiquences" if the human rights debate with "enemies of the state" went ahead. tute is accepting censorship of Germany's political culture."

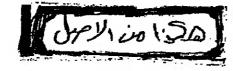
> Iran rebel in security plea RAN'S leading dissident, Abdul Karim Suroosh, has written an open letter to Pres-

ident Heshami Rafsanjani demanding protection and the right to express his views in public, writes Kathy Evans. The Tehran professor's move follows a riot last week at Tehran University when members of the radical group Ansar Hizhulla host up on Ansar Hizbullah beat up stu-Ansar Hizoulian beat up su-dents gathering for one of his talks. Lectures by Dr Suroosh have now been disrupted three times by the group as his reputation rapidly spreads through the world's

Spreads through the works of Shi'ite community. In his letter, the British-educated professor says the government should provide him with security so that he may keep in truch with his can keep in touch with his students.

Dr Suroosh has upset Iran's terday they have arrested 13 people, including four sol-diers, in a crackdown on leftestablishment by arguing that religion is a private rather than a state affair and chal-lenging the divine credentials of Ayatollah Khamenei. establishment by arguing that wing movements linked to North Korea. — AP.





WORLD NEWS 7

Prodi unveils Italy's first left-dominated cabinet

John Hooper in Rome

OMANO PRODI, the economics professor who led the winning from April 1993 to March who led the winning alliance in last month's general election, yes-terday unveiled the first pre-dominantly leftwing cabinet ever to take power in Italy. 1994, returns as treasury minister. Mr Ciampi's budget-tightening in office made him un-popular with the unions, but His 20 ministers include nine ex-Communists, three left-of-centre former Christian Dem-Communist Refoundation, whose votes are vital to the government's survival, tried ocrats and a Green.

to block his appointment and They also include Antonio Di Pietro, the prosecutor whose drive against corrup-tion made him a national hero, as public works minis-ter. He will be responsible for the very area which here area ter. He will be responsible for the very area which has gen foreign minister. The wily

erated most corruption. His new colleagues include winner from the cabinet Another potentially control page 14

Carlo Azeglio Ciampi, a for-mer governor of the Bank of Italy who led the government Renewal party. But the biggest block of cab-inet seats go to the Demo-cratic Party of the Left, which emerged five years ago from the wreckage of Italian Com-munism. Walter Veltroni will endeared him to the markets. one to transform the old Com-munist Party into a social democratic movement, be-

comes interior minister. The justice portfolio has been handed to an independent, Giovanni Maria Flick, A defence lawyer by profession, Mr Flick has accused anticorruption prosecutors of in-

wo former prime ministers. horse-trading, with three versial name was that of the Carlo Azeglio Ciampi, a for-portfolios for his Italian now environment minister, now environment minister, Edo Ronchi of the Greens Until the late eighties, he sat in parliament for a group to the left of the Communists. Women did suprisingly poorly in the share-out. A pro-gressive Catholic, Rosy Bindi, be deputy prime minister and Giorgio Napolitano, who probably did as much as anyportfolio with obviously con-trived responsibilities - for

equal opportunities and "social solidarity". Whatever else, the new gov-ernment could be the braini-est in Europe. Eight of its members, including MrProdi, are university teachers.

Martin Woollacott, Outlook

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New era . . . Social Democrat Peter Caruana is embraced by a supporter after winning the general election in Gibraltar

Security men wax fat in candle war

Julian Borger in Sofia on an unseemly scrap for power between rival priests

WO grey-uniformed policemen sit slumped by the factory gates. They keep a fitful eye on Thick iron bars barricade

two men lounging on the other side of the road wearthe shop-floor, and at least one elderly cleric has torn his cassock while trying to ing black leather jackets and dark glasses. Pleasantvault the factory's barbed ries are occasionally exwire fence. changed between long dis-trustful silences. It is a The two men in shabby incognito are from the very Balkan summer scene Sygma security agency, which works for Patriarch - both sleepy and tense. which works for Patriarch launched a guerrilla war Maxim, aged 81. He was ap- for control of the factory.

Since then, as in many

other eastern European

The focal point of the ten-sion is the decrepit factory behind the rusting gates Since the 1970s it has pro-duced candles and other paraphernalia for Bulgar-ia's Orthodox Church, but One cleric has torn his cassock trying to vault the factory's barbed wire fence in a deeply divided postcommunist society it has become the centre of a bitpointed by the Communist | He hired Sygma and or-

government in 1971; his dered them to seize the rival, Patriarch Pimen, plant. Aware that someter dispute between two rival synods who is 11 years older, was Significant amounts of nominated in 1992 by the money are at stake. But if anti-Communist coalition the priests are to be bewhich took power when the old regime collapsed.

lisved, control of the fac-tory also amounts to mas-tery over the very soul and destiny of the Bulgarian people. Consequently, the war

countries, the Communists (reformed and repackaged ring synods - under the command of two whitebearded patriarchs - have hired private security agen-cies to wage a battle of wits

nouncing each other as col-laborators or opportunists, each side drawing legiti-macy from piles of contra-distorn laborators of contradictory legal documents. "When the police came to evict him, we all turned away, so we wouldn't see his humiliation," said Petr In 1992, the manager of the candle factory sided

with Patriarch Pimen financial disaster for Patri-Manolov, the factory arch Maxim, who knows caretaker. that the Orthodox faithful Patriarch Maxim made buy and light candles al-most by spiritual reflex, and account for the lion's share of the Church's revenue in the proces So Patriarch Maxim

thing was afoot, Patriarch

Pimen had hired his own muscle — a security agency

called Black Belt - to

guard the factory. But on March 18, round

three more attempts to break in, culminating in a spectacular raid on April 2 when security guards and some of his top clerics

climbed the fence. Mr Manolov points out a metal bar the priests used to barricade themselves in, to no avail. Patriarch Pimen's men went to a military prosecutor and had their rival clergymen thrown out by soldiers.

Since then, policemen have kept a constant guard on the factory gates, watched by the men from Sygma. "It is all very fragile — very uncertain," said Father Balachev. "We could hear at any moment that they have seized it once again. We know that if police are negligent for five minutes, the other side will cent. storm it."

Having witnessed a vanit-ing bishop, Mr Manolov feels nothing could now surprise him. "They'll take the next step. "We have work it out. You'll see," he made our interest in discuss-said, locking the gates be-ing the issue clear," he said.

Gibraltar rejects government

Adela Gooch in Gibraltar

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BRALTARIANS have opted for good relations with Spain, electing a new government to break the existing impasse and deliver economic prosperity while maintaining ties with Britain. The Social Democrat Peter Caruana was elected chief minister with 52.2 per cent of the vote in the general election, ending an eight-year rule by Joe Bossano, whose Labour party won 42.2 per

The Spanish government reacted cautiously to the result. The prime minister, José Maria Aznar, said the onus was now on Britain to Privately, though. British

has removed a key obstacle to | traband," Mr Caruana said. | progress and that a swift im-provement in relations could

Mr Caruana was sworn in as chief minister by the gov-ernor, Admiral Sir Hugo border. White. The Social Democrats will have eight seats in the 15seat assembly, with the rest going to the Labour party. The National Party, which constitutional issues to one side and improve economic co-operation, but Spain is unadvocated city-state status for Gibraltar, won 4.6 per cent, while an independent who adlikely to let him. "We offer the most genervocated closer ties with Spain drew just 0.16 per cent. Turn-

and in letting the people keep their peculariarities." a forout was a record 88 per cent. eign ministry official said. "But we cannot forget the Mr Caruana said he would not give way on sovereignty. "In that respect Gibraltar is underlying question. Gibral-tar must realise that it is not viable without Spain." in safe hands," he said, but he appeared to make a concession to Spain by announcing Most voters appeared to siga clampdown on smaggling, nal acceptance of this by Mr Caruana. "There won't be a single switching allegiance from Mr the low turn speedboat laft. It is time Gi Bossano and overcoming res patrol boats.

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and the possibility of appeasement of Spain. But he asked the Spanish

"We were going from bad to worse," a voter said. "Now for a return gesture, calling for the removal of the police checks which cause long de-lays for cars crossing the there is a bope of change. But Mr Carauna also needs

to improve relations with The chief minister, a 39-Britain, severely damaged by his predecessor's aggresive calls for decolonisation. year-old lawyer educated at public school, wants to put

"We want declonisation too," he said, "But let's get other issues moving first."

Calm returned to the colony vesterday after the police ad ous of terms economically vised restaurants and shops to close early for fear of a backlash by smugglers, who are known as the "Winston Boys".

They seized the opportunity to make several runs across the strait yesterday, before the clampdown announced by nal acceptance of this by Mr Caruana, and helped by switching allegiance from Mr the low turnout of Spanish

one went to Sygma and Pa-The police came to our men and called them to the

as socialists) have returned police station. When they were gone, Patriarch Maxto power through the ballot box, and they ordered Paim's men stormed in," said Anatoly Balachev, one of Patriarch Pimen's most triarch Maxim's reinstatement last November. The rift mirrors the split for the candle workshops in the society beyond the hind us. "We'll be here, as senior priests. on the outskirts Soft church doors Triumphant, Patriarch known officially by their | ted against "blues", de- | Maxim drove to the factory | candles in church."

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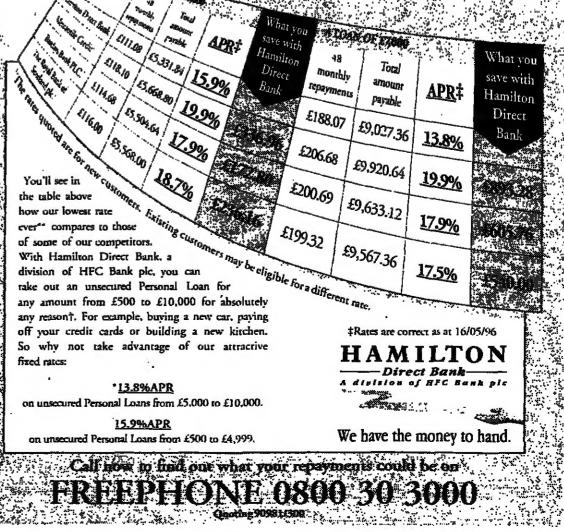
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Racing

Alec can prove too smart for rivals

Ron Cox takes the in-form Ray Cochrane to score third win in the Lockinge Stakes

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Nwaamis fourth.

AY COCHRANE, fly-ing high at the top of the jockeys' table with 50 winners following a double at New-length in the Prix Ganay at hury yesterday, can crown a highly successful week when he teams up with Smart Alec for his former boss Luca Cumani in the Juddmonte Lock-inge Stakes at the Berkshire

course today. As stable jockey to Cumani, Cochrane won this prestigious mile event on the New-market trainer's Then Again in 1987. He followed up with victory on Selkirk for Ian Balding five years later, and Smart Alec has the potential to make the grade as a Group

One performer. Unbeaten in two starts as a two-year-old, Smart Alec went into winter quarters a leading Classic hope for 1995 only to suffer a setback in the spring. He did not reappear until

the Craven Meeting at New-market last month, when he better at six years of age.

There is definitely improve ment in Charnwood Forest, who has reportedly thrived in Dubai over the winter. Hard

to train last season, he never theless gave a hint of what he is capable of when chasing home four lengths winner Bahri in the St James's Palace Stakes.

Spectrum, who looked all over the winner of the Ganay Gabr, fourth behind Smart when moving smoothly up to Alec at Newmarket, also upthe leaders two furlongs out before lack of an outing took held the form when getting home by a short head from Soviet Line at Sandown, with its toil, need not be inconven-ienced by the drop back to a Strictly on form, Soviet mile.

More worrying are several Line --- now 6lb better off with costly reverses suffered by fancied Chapple-Hyam horses in the past week. Gabr and unlucky not to get up after a nightmare run in the last two furlongs — is the

This promises to be a race pick today. He made all the running to beat Young Ern by two lengths in last year's to savour, and Smart Alec (3.00) is just preferred to the Lockinge. However, Smart Alec, who other least exposed runner, Charnwood Forest.

With Paul Cole's stable in tremendous form, Posidonas

travel well to Germany for his next race and took time to.

in next month's Group One **Coronation Cup suggests**

to have had a setback, but trainer Henry Cecil says that the injury is not as serious as first feared.

be sore on what was thought to be a ligament — I thought it could have been a suspensory," said Cecil. "This has turned out to be just a small infection of the coronet and his Derby preparation will resume on

three times - with Slip Anchor, Reference Point and Commander in Chief - but was out of luck last year

even better things are ex-pected of Posidonas this year. brother to Commander in Chief, was quoted at 5-1 for After Quota failed to cope with Mezzogiorno in the Vothe premier classic after he dafone Group Trial Stakes at "But we rested her up and

ment in her.

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Golf **Danger lurks** as Jimenez

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David Davies at Thame.

IGUEL ANGEL Jime-nez has been here be-fore. He leads the Benson and Hedges International by two strokes after 36 holes and a creditable 70 on another day hardly fitted for golf. But among the men close behind are three he would far

rather not know about Colin Montgomerie and Bernhard Langer, who trail by two and Nick Faldo who is three be-hind. There will be a lot of looking over the shoulder at The Oxfordshire club this weekend as the favourities

weekend as the favourites problem at the 17th, begin-fight among themselves for the £116,660 first prize. Jimenez is on six under par, 138, but that will be of little comfort to him given his experience earlier this year in the Dubai Classic. He led for 60 holes before he was caucht right at the 17th, begin-ming with a drive that was far he said afterwards, "was that in two, so I went for it." His experience earlier this year first attempt, with a three-wood, splashed down short in the lake. His next, with a caught, right at the last, by somebody hitting two driver-shots to the last hole and birdying it to win. That man was, of course, Montgomerie. 'I don't think he'll want to

see me in his rear-view mir-ror," he said yesterday. Then again. Montgomerie con-fessed that the last person he would want to see in his rearview mirror was precisely the person who is there, Faldo. "Now," said Montgomerie,

Two got to try and fight him off myself. But I wouldn't be surprised to see him making a big move up the leader-board in the third round. He's the guy to beat so thank goodness he's only playing about twice in Europe this year." Montgomerie became the first player to get round without a bogey and he was not surprised at the quality of the ers. "On difficult courses, in difficult conditions, the Ryder Cup players tend to come to the top," he said. Ian Woosnam is not often a creature of the cold because of his recurring spondylitis. Nevertheless he had only one bogey in his round of 70 for

142, and said afterwards that he felt he could win again — he has already done so twice

fell. Woosnam leads the Order

of Merii by 195,000, and while he would not ordinarily be worrying about that at this stage he needs to be in the top two at the end of next week to et into the US Open. Woosnam played at a time when the north-easterly was

when the north-easterly was still doing its worst and at the 3rd, 469 yards, he hit a drive and "a one-fron, out of my boots" to reach the green. This from one of the longest

hitters in world golf. Padraig Harrington, win-ner of the Spanish Open last week, ran into a double-digit problem at the 17th, begin-

three-iron, did likewise and so did the next. Then he de-cided to lay up with a six-iron, and hit that into the water as well. Finally he got one over, and chipped and two-putted for a 13. "I knew I had 250 yards for the first abot," he smiled afterwards, but I forgot that 240 of them were water.

Towards the end I was worrying about running out of golf balls. Still, I'll be home for tea. I badly need a break." Prior to yesterday Harrington had made the cut in each of his first eight events as a professional and is understand-ably tired. Perhaps it was that weariness that caused him to Wearniess that caused him as forget the first rule of profes-sional golf, as enunciated by his playing partner, Nick Faldo. "If at first you don't succeed — play sideways." Faldo had five birdies in his

round of 73 and at one under is very much in contention. as is anyone from three over downwards. Harrington is out, of course, as is the other member of the three-ball, Diego Borrego; winner of the Turespana Masters in April. Jointly they were 27 over, commentary enough on the weather so far.

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Boys keep swinging . . . Montgomerie on his way to a 68 yesterday PHOTOGRAPH: DAN SMITH

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the slide after injury scare DUSHYANTOR'S Derby when he had to scratch leading fancy Sebastian 7-1 from 5-1 by William Hill after the colt was reported Dushyantor, a halfleading fancy Sebastian

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at York on Wednesday. Nash House, who was taken out of the Derby betting after finishing fourth in the Dante, was found to be off-colour. Peter Chapple-Hyam, the colt's trainer, said yester-day: "We scoped him and he had a high white blood cell count and some sort of mild infection. We are hopeful he will recover in time for Epsom."

was beaten half a length by Glory of Dancer in the Homeowners Dante Stakes Newbury yesterday, Henry Cecil's filly was taken out of the Oaks betting and replac by the winner, now a best-priced 16-1 with Ladbrokes. "She disappointed in the Nell Gwyn Stakes when we were hoping she'd prove good emough to run in the 1000 Guineas," said Geoff Wragg, trainer of Mezzogiorno.

were very light on her. She is still in the Oaks and we'll have to go. She'll stay forever and there is more improve-

is closely related to another former smart Cumani-trained colt in Markofdistinction, has (2.80) should be forward considerable scope for im-provement after just three outings, whereas Soviet Line enough to give a good account of himself in the Quantel Aston Park Stakes. Successful first time out last season, Posidonas did not

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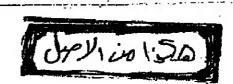
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Tote: 52.50; 51.50; 51.20; 51.20; Dual F: 51.80; CSF: 54.95 NF: SRK Masseve. 3.40 (120) 25 Syde): 1, MENCMAKS MEDPHENN, R Hughes (30-1); 2, Ground Gamme (2-1 Fay); 3, Bekinstei (33-1); 4, Noble Sprinter (12-1), 20 ran. 2, 7, 2, (5) Mechan) Tote: 53.90; 55.40; 51.30; 52.70; 13.30; Dual F: 5119.40; CSF: 5148.82; Tric: 51.704.50; Trics: 51.30; 24.90; NR: Dolliver, Dut On A Premise. 4.10 (of dynamic 1; RAMERLISCO MEAR, R Cochrane (13-5); 2, Abrrd (3-1 fav); 3, Warming Time (7-1); 9 ran. 32, nk. (M Blancherd) Tote: 55.90; 52.90; CJ.90; CJ.90; CJ.90; Dual F: 67.80; Tric: 578.40; CSF: 255.10; NR: Watch Ma. Reveley) Toke (2.70; £1.40, C1, 10, Dual F. 52.70, G57; £2.30, 4.000 (1m: 47); 1, AMCHONENA, K Fatleri (B-4 (k-lay); 2, Loveydumfilloms (B-4 (k-lay); 2, Davissi (K-6 lay); 3, Lachasia (20-1); 6 ran, 25, 6, (L Caman); Tole; 21,00; C1,10; C1,20; 22,0; Dual F; (1,50; G5F; C1,51; 5,000 (GF); 1, TUBCAW DAWIR, P Roberts CH-11; 2, Janet Bob (B-4 lay); 3, Merre CH-11; 2, Lay); 9, Merre CH-11; 1 Watch Ma. 4.40 (Tan 44 Sydia) 1, DANCE SO SUITH, 5.50 (Tan 16-11:2, Particles Waters (12-1); 9.50 (Tan 16-11:2, Particles Waters (12-1); 9.50 (Tan 22, 6, (F Cole) Ton: 22.60 C3.60, C3.60, C3.60, (F Cole) Ton: 22.60 C3.60, C3.60, C5.70, (TAL 2, Tricater C1.013.33, JACKSOTh Not won, C116,534.43 carried over to Involuty today. PLACEPOTS C10.80, GUADFOTS (31.20,

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Insulpak Conditions Stakes at Ascot on the opening day of May, bained by Hearro Gazil at Newmarket, has been supplemented at TR 500 for the Africe Coolince's and the Guineas at The Curraph on May 25 by her owner Faid Salman. Prince Faid yesterday sald: "This way prove to be an expositive missake, but I have her bit at one cance, ever since she won so impressively at Ascot at the being test in the satelle." F: 5250, CFT; 4, SASSIEDO, Emine O'Gorman 11-22, 2, CENTRE (7-1): 3, CONTREASE Descor (5-1): 5-4 fev Cyrano's Led, Sran, 1. 5, (W O'Borman) Tote: 550; 12-20; 51:30, 52:20 (1m off): 1, OPACHE, J Wasver (2-1) 1art; 2, Pabilison (5-1): 3, Rook Group (14-1): 10: 1art, Sh Nat, U, L Caman) Toke; 123:01 (1m off): 1, OPACHE, J Wasver (2-1) 1art; 2, Pabilison (5-1): 3, Rook Group (14-1): 10: 1art, Sh Nat, U, L Caman) Toke; 123:01 (1: 35); C50, D530, Dual F: 18.00, Trior 193:10, C57: F14.82; Threast C128:25; 2.56 flav Projection. 7 ran, 8 while, (H Cach) Toke: 57: 10: 52, 90; 50: Dual F: 108.50; CEF-EB135, NR: Ramooz. 4.300 (170): 1, REBER, COMINTY, J Sheek

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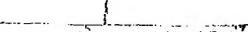
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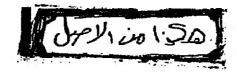
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TRIPLE-JUMPER IN SEARCH OF HIS OLYMPIC DREAM



Leap year ... Jonathan Edwards in triplicate: winning the world title at Gothenburg, left, then flying the flag, followed by the 1995 BBC Sports Personality of the Year award

Edwards steps on to the golden runway

Duncan Mackay on the world champion | Amateur Athletic Federation | who kick-starts his Atlanta campaign today

MAGINE being so superior to your rivals that three times and winning the you stand on the verge of world title, now seem like a dream to him and have filled him with self-doubt as much accomplishing something that no Briton has achieved for more than half a century and people keep assuming as confidence.

and people keep assuming nothing can go wrong. Jonathan Edwards, a New-but see parallels between his team's 12-point domination in the Premiership that van-ished into second place and his nosition in this po-sition before," Edwards says, his hair slightly more flecked ing to Gothenburg glory last August. "I find that the most difficult thing: the expecta-tion. I still lie awake at night his position in triple jumping. "I'm petrified," Edwards admits of the moment this afternoon when he will stand in the new \$219 million

(£145 million) stadium in Atlanta for his opening jump of a season he hopes will end with him becoming Britain's first Olympic champion in the event since Timothy Ahearne covered 14.92m in 1908.

Last year's achievements. 60,000 spectators. when Edwards redefined the The largest crowd ever to

grand-prix meeting will see a star-studded programme fea-turing Carl Lewis. Michael Johnson, Sergey Bubka and Noureddine Morceli.

The contrast between Edwards's opening competition this summer and 12 months ago, when he set a United Kingdom record of 17.58 metres at Loughborough on a

'I've never been in this po-sition before," Edwards says, his hair slightly more flecked cold, wet day, could hardly be greater. "A year ago there was no pressure on me," he admits. Just as he did last year, Edwards has spent 2½ months living in Tallahassee, Florida, where he has been able to train in warm conditions away from the media de-

mands that have accompanied him on his rise to fame. "It was very nice in Flor-ida," he says. "From a family point of view I don't think we have appreciated how much the International Olympic Committee's president Juan pressure we have been under

Antonio Samaranch to cut a until we actually got away 1975t ribbon and declare the from it all. We had a lot of time just being normal, going round the shops and nobody Olympic stadium open before round the shops and nobody the 18-metre club, just as knowing who I am. That has other milers quickly matched boundaries of the event by watch an International been very, very enjoyable." Roger Bannister's sub-four-

eight days ago, has wintered achievement. "Conley's still a Edwards was close to tears well: last weekend he reduced his personal best for 100 metres from 10.7 seconds to 10.48 at a college invitational meeting.

If that means he is faster than last year it opens up an-other range of possibilities be-youd his present world record of 18.29m. He has already jumped 17m in training off an abbreviated 14-stride run-up. Mike Conley, Edwards's chief rival, will use today as an early chance to measure

himself against the English-man. In triple-jumping circles the American was always considered the man most likely to break through the 18metre barrier until last summer, when Edwards amazed

everyone, including himself, "I can't bring myself to get mad at Jonathan," Conley says. "I can only get mad at what he jumped." The barrier broken, Ed-wards expects others, espe-cially Conley, to join him in

great threat in my mind," Ed-great threat in my mind," Ed-close to me last year but this year people will be jumping 18 metres and I have to live with the time to the triple jump. "It's hard to imagine I shall ever have a better chance of win-ning the Olympic gold medal with that." Edwards, unbeaten all last season, emphasises that it is what happens when he returns to the Olympic sta-

dium in two months' time that counts. "The Olympics are all that matters this year," he says. Edwards has unwanted Olympic baggage that he needs to dispose of. In Barce-lona four years ago, amid all the celebration for Linford about his Olympic ambition.

Ethiopia accuses IAAF of racism

5,000 metres so that Derartu Tulu, their 10,000m Olympic champion, can enter both events. Noting that the Interna-

Edwards, who turned 30 | minute feat after his initial | Christie's 100m gold medal,

than this year." he says. Edwards returns to Eng-land tomorrow to a new force. house in Gosforth. When he left in February, Newcastle were nine points clear of Manchester United and apparently cruising to their first championship for 69 years. "I can't believe they Serons blew it." Edwards says. Let us the team chief Ron Dennis of hope that by the end of July he will not be saying the same taking his eye off the F1 hall and being distracted by other

GTR sports coupé and a stillborn land speed record

ETHIOPIA is furious at the refusal of Atlanta to revise the gualifying heats of the women's 10,000 and to compete in the 200 and 400m, Ethiopia's team chief Getachew Hussein yesterday accused the IAAF of "pure racism, favouritism and double standards".

Motor Racing McLaren back on old road

Alan Henry reports | competitive environment but from Monaco on a reviving reputation

compensive environment out they are now benefiting from renewed stability in their second year with the same en-gine supplier. "We struggled in the first three races of this year." ad-mitted Norbert Haug, the Merrades molorsport man. HEN Bruce McLaren cut the toes off his racing boots to make life Mercedes motorsport man-ager. "We found out there was an aerodynamic problem at the front of the car which was identified in an intensive test prior to the European Grand Prix last month. "At Nürburgring and Imola more comfortable in the cockpit of his first Formula One car on its race debut here 30 years ago this weekend, he can hardly have foreseen that we were little more than half the team carrying his name would become the most suc-cessful in this glamorous and a second slower than the Wil-

cord of six wins.

liams, which means we are closing the gap. Mika's fastest time on Thursday doesn't gruelling race through the streets. mean that much because we used new tyres but I think we McLaren won the Monaco Grand Prix nine times out of 10 between 1984 and 1983. Four of the victories were are capable of running consistently in the top five." achieved by Alain Prost and five by Ayrton Senna, whose additional one in 1987 for Lo-For tomorrow's race McLaren has developed a short-wheelbase car with

aerodynamics specially tail-ored for tight circuits. "We have improved the car consis-tently in all areas," said Haktus gave him the drivers' re-After Senna left the team at the end of 1993, however, McLaren fortunes slumped. kinen, "and that has made a better package. We are also trying to improve the engine for more power and better drivability." McLaren, who had won the Yet with Mika Hakkinen and David Coulthard posting first and third fastest times in Thursday's free practice ses-sion here it seems that the

team is at last reasserting it-self as a potential winning Monaco race at the wheel of a Cooper-Climax in 1962, never lived to see his cars triumph Losing Senna was a body blow for McLaren matched there. The popular New Zea-lander was killed at Good-wood in June 1970 while testonly by the problems encountered in changing engine sup-pliers four times in as many

ing one of his 180mph Can-Am sports cars. His team continued to be run by his In addition critics accused former partners until 1960 when it passed to the control of Dennis and John Barnard. It says much for the current schemes, especially the race development of the McLaren management that they have never contemplated changing the team's name. "McLaren has always projected a high quality image." said Dennis. "It is important that we al-

project. The team lost their Honda works deal at the end of 1992, ways approach things proppaid for customer Ford V8s in erly and professionally, 1993, then works Peugeot whether we are winning Vilos in 1994, and finally changed to Mercedes-Benz Vilos at the start of last sea-son. Such constant technical disruption does nothing but harm in such a relentiessly would have approved.

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and say to my wife Alison: 'Tm world-record holder.' I still don't quite know how it happened and whether I can do it again." The paint will still be drying when the United States vice-president Al Gore joins

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11	POOFP4	LEINTHALL PENCESS (14) (C) J Needham 10-10-0	

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8.10 BARCLAYS BANK MADEN HIRITERY CHASE (Amateurs) 2m St 110yds 22,763

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5		OUCH LEADER B Hanbury 8-0	
4		EAR WHITE (14) T Mile 9-0	
3		ALISHAR & Dow 8-0	A Daily (5) 4
2		MART BOY P Cole 9-0	

6.30 MR & TORIC SELLING HANDICAD IN CLASS

6.00 ESF OIDER WARDEN STAKES 2YO IN CO.527

1	0-65005	HALLIARD (15) (CO) T Josep 5-8-10
2	0-00450	SECRET MISS (18) (CD) A Jones 4-9-8R Cookyane 18
3	315166	LIFT BOY (82) (CD) A Moore 7-9-2
4	005-600	ALEAPA (16) R Hodges 4-9-2 S Drowne (2) 8
5	\$310-60	JESSICA'S SONG (18) (D) W Turner 3-9-1
	505050	ROCKY TWO (11) (D) P Howing 5-9-0
7	0-50504	MUSIC MISTRESS (18) (CD) J Moore 3-8-13
		THE FED (26) (D) J Pickering 6-8-13
	601/00-0	ADMERALS REALIE (16) (D) A Newcombe 7-8-13
0	0-40600	ASSIGNMENT (12) (CD) J Long 10-0-11
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5	600-008	TOMBY TEMPEST (77) (CD) A Peacock 7-8-7
6	55-0050	THORNY BISHOP (7) (C) B Pearce 5-8-6 G Bardenil 1*
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005-003 EPTF FOLLY (12) \$ Dow 5-1 ______ \$2000-0 GEFY LIKENED (7) R Flower 7-13 ______ 00-001 MISSTER WOODSTECK (8) H Jarvis 7-11 _____ \$2500 SUBSET HARBOUR (15) T Neuginon 7-10 _____ 000-00 NEWLANDS CONNER (15) J Alshurr 7-10 TOP FORM TRP6: Mister Wandstick 8, 50% Felly 7, Ashier 6 Rettings 9-2 Meter Recotnics, 8-1 Aniller. Ed's Folly, 7-1 Moi Canard, 8-1 Worldwide Essa, Weise Parinz 10-1 Sulver Harrow, Henry Oup, Sundri Harbour. 14 removem

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4		PERSIAN CONCUEST (294) (CD) R ingram 4-9-6	
5		WET PATCH (44) (CD) R Hannon 4-8-6	
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7	E5000-0	RASHE (16) P Howling 5-8-4	F Norten 3
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10	00-0045	ZAALEFF (9) B Hanbury 4-0-10	Steek (3) 8+
11		DOUBLE BUSH (34) (CD) (IEP) T Mile 4-8-10	
12	000-545	SCORPTUS (12) (D) T Clement 6-8-10	G Barderell 7
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	4-123 HAJOE DUNDEE (8) R Hapton 3-8-11	Dame O'Blail (3) #
	D-0 MR SPECULATOR (11) P Kelleway 3-8-11	
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7.5	50 TATTERSALLS MADER AUCTION STAKES 210 IN CLAN	
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- 4	45 GRATE THEE (14) E Waynes 8-8	
5	C MONORE NER MICHRUY (10) E Abiton 5-6	S P Williams 8
6	REAL FORE M Masgher 8-4	J F Sym 6
7	BALLYDINERO Capit J Withon 8-8	D Nekeowa 10
- 8	225 RED GARTER (13) K McAultin 8-3	
	8 JUNGOUST (16) M Johnston 8-0	T Williams 4
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11	GINNY WOSSERMANE W Turner 7-12	C Adamson (6) 2
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3	6011-00 FIREFIDETER (18) B Beogh 7-9-11	
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5	6-52620 SHAKE PLISSICEN (10) 0 Hayda Jones 5-0-10	
8	DESCO HAWWAR (10) E Auton 10-9-9	
7	315/00-0 RECLUSE (27) Mars L Perrat 5-9-7	
8	(1)/10-24 STEADFAST ELITE (46) (C) J O'Neil 5-9-3	
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10	105260 NO SUBBRSSION (18) (D) D Chapman 10-9-2	
11	15820-8 VINTAGE TAITTWIGER (#7) T Dyer 4-8-13	
12	0-53502 RATTLE (10) J ("Nell 3-8-13	
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Soccer

David Lacey looks at the team for today's friendly international against Hungary and assesses its implications for Euro 96

Venables sorts out his spares

IDDLING Hunga-ry's net this afternoon might not solve the conundrum of Terry Venables's final squad for the European Championship, which will be announced after the coming tour of China and Hong Kong, but it would reassure Wembley that England still remember what the goals are for.

Their scoring rate this season has been unimpressive, with three goalless draws in the six matches played so far. If England are saving their ammunition for Euro 96 Switzerland may well think they have wandered into another drawn. El Alamein on June 8, but the reality is that Venables's attack has spent most of the season creating chances without taking them. Some of the near-misses

duty for Rangers in the Scot-tish Cup final, Alan Shearer, not quite ready for combat have been spectacular, with shots and beaders hitting bar or posts. But until points are awarded for rebounds Engafter a hernia operation, land will have to concentrate on hitting the target proper. Steve Stone with a tweaked hamstring and Steve McMan-Hungary, whose defence is unlikely to prove as resilient aman, who is being rested, gives others the chance to press their cases for inclusion. as Croatia's, would appear the ideal opponents for Vena-bles at this late stage. Having watched his team give a suc-cession of vaguely satisfac-Jason Wilcox is a case in point. Until he returned for

Blackburn's last 10 games of the season, having been out tory performances, he could for a year with damaged cru-ciate knee ligaments, he was do with a morale-boosting result. And, since losing to not a serious prospect for the Hungarians in the 1962 Euro 96. But since resuming his duties on Rovers' left World Cup, England have de feated them eight times in nine matches with the other flank he has impressed the England coach.

So Wilcox becomes Venab For Venables the argument is no longer about tactics; it is about paring the squad down les's 23rd new cap, the only drawback being that Shearer, his Blackburn team-mate and from 27 to 22 by sorting out the most natural foil for his the spare parts. The absence today of Paul Gascoigne, on centres, is not playing. Yet

Les Ferdinand, scorer of England's sole goal this year, should be equally apprecia-tive of the sort of service he can provide.

Shearer remains Venab-les's first choice in attack but he still has not scored in in-ternationals for nearly two sons and badly needs goals in an England shirt before the

in an England shirt before the party return from the Far East. One or two for Ferdi-nand today would make him a more viable alternative. Either way Wilcox must have a chance of making the European Championship

squad Venables will announce on Wednesday week After all, Dennis Wise could fall under a ricksha Jason gives Blackburn

balance on the left side," said Venables yesterday, "and Alan Shearer says he is very valuable."

Wilcox said: 'I think I'm anchoring his strategy on ust a hard-working player Sheringham and the recently rehabilitated Paul Ince, whose ability to support the defence is crucial if the sys-tem of playing three at the

newcomers to internationals find them more demanding mentally than playing for their clubs. The pace of international football lies in the quick movement of the ball. This is why Venables is

counting so much on Teddy Sheringham's quickness of thought for the European Championship while not wor-rying too much about his lack of physical pace. Even without Gascoigne and Shearer it is clear from today, it may belo Venables

today's team that Venables is make up his mind. Wilcox ... 23rd new cap

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Ugo Khioga, the cover for Tony Adams. and Nick Barmby are the most obvious EEDS UNITED will be floated on the stock marcandidates for disappoint-ment. One place could lie be-tween Lee, Redknapp, Wilcox and Wise. Much depends on how highly Venables rates the versatility of the un-conned Sol Campbell ket within a month in a £10 million deal with the ins Park Rangers owner Richard Thompson Heads of agreement were signed this week that would lead to Leeds effectively being

capped Sol Campbell merged with a Thompson "shell" company, Caspian, ine :(1 which has a stock market listlince (inter Mil

ing though a very low value. It is understood that Thompson has already se-cured, for £10 million, the 60 per cent shareholding of the (NTK) or Se

former Leeds chairman Leslie Silver, who resigned last month. The shares concerned re controlled by proxy by the former managing director Bill Fotherby and the deal as a whole values Leeds at £16

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million. In a separate negotiation Thompson, who only last week was saying that he was no longer interested in Leeds was also offered a 15 per cent share in Arsenal, which is currently being touted around the City, but turned it down.

Leeds directors were no commenting on reports of a deal to float the club yesterday. "I can neither confirm nor deny the story," said Peter Gilman, a major shareholder and director. "I have no formal knowledge of any

Silver was similarly tight lipped. "I have no comment to make on that," he said. "At the moment I have not received any offers. I resigned as a director and in time I will sell my shares but there is no offer on the table."

City sources, however, say that the deal is already as good as done. Also involved in the negotiations is a City dealmaker Chris Akers, who has recently bought a substantial stake in Caspian from Thompson at 12p per

The current value of those shares is 18p each and the expected value after flotation could be as high as 50p per share.

The deal will depend on Thompson selling Queens Park Rangers, where he feels there is only a limited potential for commercial development. There are five bidders in the ring for the Loftus

Road club.

Best the eternal swinger notches his half-century

Britain's most gifted footballer will be 50 on ers; they no longer live in mock-Tudor mansions but in Grade 1 Tudor mansions. Wednesday. Frank Keating reports

EORGE BEST is 50 on Wednesday. When British foot ball's most gifted superstar - and star-crossed rapscallion -- walked away from the game at 27 with a bottle under one arm and a bevy of blondes on the other. he was told he would be lucky to reach 30.

When he was 38 and incarcerated in Pentonville jail after failing to appear in court on a drink-driving charge, they said he would not make 40.

As he clocks up his half-century — "honestly, I might not have a drink to celebrate the day if the mood's not upon me; then again, y'know, I might" — Best remains on the top-most plinth in the hall of fame.

For breathtaking range he is ahead of Matthews, Finney, Greaves, Charlton, Law, Gallacher, Baxter and Charles, working as a plumber in his summers, Matthews was still catching the bus to training and even though he danced in the green only fitfully on the world stage he probably runs world stage he probably runs Pele closer than Puskas, Di Stefano, Cruyff and Maradona. ster sprig found himself with

chester United, the very sum-mer of 1961 that Jimmy Hill and Cliff Lloyd of the Professional Footballers' Associa-tion celebrated the abolition of the maximum wage. Two birthdays later Best

signed as a professional at Old Trafford and between then and playing his first League game in red against West Brom on September 14, 1963, Mr Justice Wilberforce had, in the High Court in July, pronounced to George

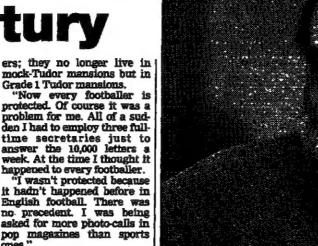
Eastham an end to the "retain and transfer" system. At a stroke the feudal fields were laid to waste — and a 17-year-old sprite was setting them on fire. English soccer was not remotely prepared. It could not cope. Finney was still playing for Preston, and

den I had to employ three fulltime secretaries just to answer the 10,000 letters a week. At the time I thought it happened to every footballer. "I wasn't protected because it hadn't happened before in English football. There was

asked for more photo-calls in pop magazines than sports

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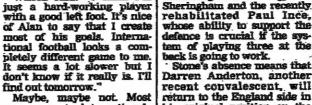
petition to choose Best's bestest - but he was far, far more than a goalscorer, though 179 for United in 466



The whole crazy stir and blur are examined on television tomorrow night when, to raise a glass to the famous 50th. BBC 2 performs another of its occasional streaks of brilliance by giving over half the evening schedule to Best.

There is a frank, almost haunting, interview by Michael Parkinson (don't fret, it is taped, George turns up), and much fun and games and

There is the inevitable com-



return to the England side in his original position on the right wing rather than tuck-ing in alongside Ince. This role now goes to Robert Lee, who will be among those travelling to Beijing next week uncertain of surviving the cut

on their return. Lee looked weary during Newcastle's flagging pursuit of Manchester United in the Premiership and, if David

If the deserved fame of this tubby middle-aged man, the glint of mischief still in his dark eyes if no longer in his ankles, bestrides the century, his time bridges the chasm of the two-part history of British foothall

me, advise me. They didn't know how to. It hadn't hap-You know he was born to pened to a footballer before." Today even half-mediocre Ann, wife of a shipyardworker Dick, in the Belfast Royal maternity hospital on players are surrounded by May 22, 1946. When you look agents, bankers and bounc-

unlimited money and a white an "out" player who never Jaguar (with L-plates) and they called him the fifth Beatle. had the specialist strikers' roll-ins. Early on, doubtless, will be

Best ruminates, although the brace against Benfica in with no hint of blame nor the Stadium of Light all of 30 regret: "Nobody could protect springtimes ago when the 19year-old announced himself to the whole world. Surely they will end with the very last, for the San Jose Earthquakes in 1990 when he beat seven men inside the penalty area before slippering the ball home.

But were the cameras there for his last in England, in 1977 when he signed off for Fulham on a skid-pan pitch with an exquisite lob which kissed the crossbar and fell over the line with Oldham's poor

goalle on his backside. That aptly put his signature on the glory of his British career (after it he played 17 woebegone games for Hiber-nian and five for Bourne-mouth). I suppose his last

to Gento, the veteran winger. He shot it back with his left competitive game in England was for the Ford Open Prison foot - but he put a vicious back-spin on it so the well-XI after his transfer from Penstruck ball took one bounce tonville in the 1984-85 season. If he got a game, that is. and at once skidded back to "I was mesmerised. Wow, I

When he arrived in the Black Maris, the prison's must try that.' I spent the next months working nonteam coach Malcohn Holman said: "Whether he's George stop on my left foot. In the end it became even better than Best or Pele, he won't get a look in in this squad unless he's prepared to train." my natural right. Bobby [Charlton] had done the same Nowadays Best recalls, - he worked so hard at it that with no malice but a sigh:

many of his great goals came from his left." "When I was an apprentice at 15 I was in the stand when Best is still bearded like the pard but suddenly much more Real Madrid came to Old Traf-

At the kick-in the Span-palie rolled the ball out they ever did. pick at his

jowls shyly during an inter-view. They did when he was the fifth Beatle and they did when I spent a day with him as he was living and lying low with his then in-laws at Southend-on-Sea in a terraced house off the front. He was on the wagon: button-bright, which he remains. He had knocked off half the Telegraph crossword and asked if the Guardian's was more challenging. He brewed the tea, chewing over football,

ton Abbot.

quid now and I'm a mess". He admits he was an alcoholic all then we went to the betting shop: a nag called Lucknow right - "booze controlled me totally" - but now he drinks a cert in the 2.30 at New

Red devil . . . 'Nobody could protect me, they didn't know how. It hadn't happened to a footballer before' DAMD MANSELL

was a cert in the 2.30 at twew-ton Abbot. He wrote out his ticket and stood in the queue. Somebody Alex — "she knows I've loved him and heaven, for all of us. Stood in the queue. Somebody Alex — "she knows I've loved him and heaven, for all of us. Carrow koad side. The manager Gary Meg-son said: "It is all for finan-cial reasons."

recognised him. Autograph-2,000 women but only been in slips came in from the whole shop, the street and beyond. love this once" - is obviously a true brick as well as truly beautiful. "What a compli-ment that she's willing to He signed each one but missed his place in the queue. No bet. Lucknow walked it at share a life with me." 15-1. The brief episode was On tomorrow's film his American born-and-bred son Calum pledges troth. A handenough to turn any same man to drink. some (although blond, through Best's first wife An-Some of his one-time casino bets make your bair curl. He has walked away from the serious tables — "lose ten

gie) teenager. Calum "quite likes this soccer game of dad's". And meanwhile the old man picks at his beard and chuckles: "The bottom line is that I'm still enjoying some days and others not at life enormously."

founder of Chrysalis, and an-other is thought to be a con-sortium who have been introduced to the club by Ernest Saunders, the former chair-

Evans in market for Marguet

ROY EVANS, the Liverto France yesterday hoping to sign Marseille's Under-21 international left-back Jean Christophe Marquet, who is available for about £800.000, writes Ian Ross. The two players who have filled the left-back berth for Liverpool over the past 12 months, Rob Jones and Steve Harkness, may be out of the game until Christmas with,

respectively, back and leg injuries. Liverpool, meanwhile, have told Barcelona that

have tota Barcelona that the England midfielder Steve McManaman is not for sale at any price. Norwich City have given free transfers to their long-serving midfielders Ian Crock and Largent Com Crook and Jeremy Goss. Crook, 33, joined the club from Tottenham 10 years ago and made 376 appearances while Goss, 31, played 238 times for the Carrow Road side.

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writing pains of Lord Archer. tomorrow in

theObserver	ford. At the kick-in the Span- ish goalie rolled the ball out	grey. His fingernails still, as they ever did, pick at his	He wrote stood in the
	Scottish Cup final	Heart of Midlothian v	Rangers
	Gougha	after silv	ers
	Patrick Gleun	Gough is not only the club captain but also the leading	that. We w
	ACTORY for Rangers over Hearts in today's Scottish Cup final would not produce quite as historic a double as Manchester	occasions such as today's with a philosophy which	we didn't." Even the Walter Smith ficulties in players' con
	United achieved last Saturday but that will not diminish the Glasgow side's commitment to the cause. Although Rangers have landed the double so often (13	keeps an edge to his appetite. "I always go into these things thinking it could be my last." he said. "It's like the Champi- ons' League in Europe, you never know when you'll get	their three v clinching the "Yeah, I k means," sai come the w you become
	times) it may yet become habit-forming, today's side contains enough players with- out a cup winners' medal to ensure that appropriate levels	another chance. In the Scot- tish Cup itself you only have to look at our dis- appointments. "In my nine years here we	tance again puts it best start to smo Mind you, A ing about th
	of motivation are maintained. Just as significantly Rangers have a clutch of play- ers who never the of trekking up to the podium Richard	1994, when we lost to Dundee United. People would tip us to	around about that I begin i There is

ough after silver service against peculiar odds

Gough is not only the club captain but also the leading collector of silverware, with 16 medals since he arrived from Tottenham in 1987. Hearts, at 5-1 to win in 90 minutes, represent excep-tional value as the Tynecastle side have won their last two meetings with the champions. A a at Ibror Park and 2 f in connection of silverware, with that. We were also heavy favourites to beat United and the Rangers manager from Tottenham in 1987.

Walter Smith confesses to dif-ficulties in maintaining his 3-0 at Ibrox Park and 2-0 in Edinburgh. They also eliminated players' concentration during their three-week biatus since

Rangers in the fourth round last season. In fact, they have won four of their past six con-frontations. If Hearts have anclinching the championship. "Yeah, I know what Walter means," said Gough. "But, come the week of the final, other edge it is that for a month the cup final has be-come the focal point of their you become alive to its impor-tance again. Archie Knox puts it best. He says you can start to smell the hot dogs. entire ser For Rangers it is a second-

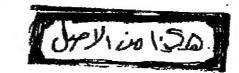
Mind you, Archie starts sniff-ing about the third round. I don't have his optimism. It's ary item after the champion-ship. As Gough said: "We have our cake, this is just a around about the semi-finals that I begin to get the aroma." United. People would tip us to be in the final every season gamblers ready to argue that Rangers' two most influential

little icing." It is a confection. however, that Paul Gascoigne

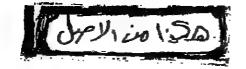
fully than any other Scottish opposition this season; today's midfield battle is likely to be the most interest-ing aspect of the entire match. They are unlikely to face Ally McCoist, who has little chance of recovering from a calf-muscle injury sustained in a testimonial at Clydebank eight days ago. Trevor Steven, still negotiating a new contract with the club, is defi-nitely missing after damaging a knee in training.

Hearts, who last won the cup in 1956, have acquired a precious asset — the knack of defeating Rangers - but it is impossible to escape the no-









Leeds to be floated after deal

John Sancan

Ann Saturnat Mar in Ige

Italy gives Edberg a hero's farewell

Stephen Sierley in Roma

Tennis

HE quarter-final result haldly read 6-3, 6-3 in favour of Richard Krajicek, but behind his opponent's straight-sets defeat at the Italian Open sets defeat at the Italian Open lay a wealth of sentiment and many a fond Roman farewell. "Ciao, Stefan," they yelled, and the great man trice rose, bowed and waved an emo-tional goodbye to the packed campo controle. Edberg retires from first-class tennis this year, and so

class tennis this year. and so many wanted the popular Swede to make this, only his third visit to the Foro Italico.

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Graf in the 1992 Wimble-

don final, has asked for a wild card for the East-bourne Direct Line champi-

that precedes Wimbledon, writes Stephen Bierley. Seles bas been out of action since early this year. She won the Australian

Tokyo before a shoulder in-

she was unable to stop as properly. She is due to play

in Madrid next week and

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wonderful cameo, a few winning games as richly varied and skilful as when he served and volleyed his way to six grand slam titles. Even in his tennis dotage

and in sport all age is strictly relative — he remains a wonderfully athletic figure. Per-haps he is no longer so quick across the court or so sharp at

the net, nor are his ground strokes so consistently accu-rate, but he retains a feline grace which these days is a rarity. third visit to the Foro Italico. a triumphant one. In all truth it was never likely. At 30 the has the stately plod of a weary reflexes have dimmed a little | British bobby coming off

there, including Conchita Martinez of Spain, the

but now a United States cit-

tournament in Hamburg

three years ago.

Chris Curtain takes the trail from Lee-on-Solent to Cardiff

and finds the development of clay-court skills in full swing

Meadow.

Seles sets sights on Eastbourne

MONICA SELES, who the other top women will be has not played in Brit. there, including Conchita

to help her injury comeback

in Eastbourne, and most of these two together.

and his right wrist needs cor-tisone injections to keep it from folding. But Edberg is still more than capable of a Dree of his first serves yes-

terday was timed at 137 mph, equalling the fastest officially recorded on the ATP tour, by Britain's Greg Rusedski, Ed-berg, bless his fighting heart, returned it — but just out. The crowd willed Edberg to succeed. They gasped when the digital recorder showed that the Dutchman was regu-larly firing down serves at well over 100 mph. They roared in sheer delight when

serve. His ground strokes were crisp and deep, his volleys secure. He broke Edberg's first serve, which proved enough to win him the first set. From then on the force was always with him although there were glorious moments of Edberg giorious moments or schoerg skill to savour. Once, after the fiercest of rallies, the Swede hoisted a top-spin lob of ex-guisite perfection and the crowd of 10,000 lesped to its feet in a tumult of admiration. It was a quite glorious

world No. 2. Seles, born in Yugoslavia Krajleek's opponent in this bourne Direct Line champi-onship, the tournament that precedes Wimbledon, parties Stochen Bieming at the being stabled during a afternoon's semi-final will be Wayne Ferreira, who had rel-atively few problems defeat-ing the erratic Andrei Medvedev in straight sets. Medvedev, still only 21, has been slipping down the rank-ings somewhat slarmingly

At one time it appeared abe might be lost to tennis Open and then played in entirely but she returned last year to reach the final of the US Open at Flushing and on this performance i was not difficult to see why. Ferreira was no Ferrari In one of the all-time great women's matches she himself but after a brief interchange of service breaks in then the French Open. Graf, ranked joint No. 1 in the world with Seles, has the Eastbourne tournament the opening set the South African tightened up his game sufficiently to blow the already said she will play if they were able to bring Russian away — and not a very hard blow at that.

the Swede returned them, but Krajicek's game was not all

Steady Steffi ... Graf shows total concentration in beating Nathalie Tauziat 6-1, 7-5 at the Women's German Open quarter-finals in Berlin yesterday PHOTOGRAPH ANOMANA ALTWEN

SPORTS NEWS 11

Rugby League

Paul Fitzpatrick on a lingering dispute

Peace snub by Lindsay

As far as international foot-ball is concerned, Arthurson sold the Australians were willing to restore the links

that were cut when the Brit-

could not say for certain

lia. But he was adamant that the Lions would not play against any sides loyal to —

or any that had been chosen

The tuning of Arthurson's conciliatory remarks appears to be slightly curious, because

so much would now seem to

rest on the outcome of the

court hearing next Thursday

in Sydney that will consider an appeal by News Corpora-

by - the ARL.

EN ARTHURSON, chairman of the Aus-tralian Rugby League, said yester-day that the way is clear for the for the courts." Lindsay concluded emphat-ically: "We no longer have respect for Mr Arthurson and I now intend to get on with international relations be-tween the game's Australian and British governing bodies

o be restored. But his proffered hand the job of running World hake was met dismissively Super League." shake was met dismissively by Maurice Lindsay, the sport's chief executive. "I read his comments over a cup of coffee and chuckled," he

"On the one hand he preish rugby league signed their Super League deal with Rupert Murdoch's News tends to be the patron saint of rugby league and on the other Corporation. "We, too, want to play matches this year and we e offers money to our players to stop them playing inter-national football."

This week Lindsay was highly critical of the ARL for want an open environment for all concerned," said Arthurson, "As Rupert Murdoch's international league presithreatenting to prevent Wig-an's Jason Robinson and Gary Connolly from playing dent. Mr Lindsay could help for England in the forthcom-ing European Champion-ships. Both players have signed lucrative contracts Limited for this year at with the ARL. least.' When the Great Britain tour of Papua New Guinea, Fiji and New Zealand was an-nounced on Monday, Lindsay Arthurson denied that such

threats were issued but added the rider: "Mr Lindsay should remember that these players are contracted to us and we should be given the whether the tour would in-courtesy of being asked if clude any matches in Austrathey can play". That, countered Lindsay, was a misleading statement,

if not exactly an untruth. What Mr Arthurson fails to say is that those contracts only come into force when their English contracts expire," he said.

"Everyone knows that Robinson is under contract until 1997 and Connolly until 1999. After that they can do what

they wish, "Mr Arthurson could, of course, always try to per- until 2000.

Backing the grey matter to win on green or red Leeds deny exchange deal

Graham Holroyd and Mick Shaw for Martin Moana and Paul Rowley of Halifax, whom they meet at Headingley tomorrow, writes Paul Fitz-patrick Leeds have also denied an interest in Featherstone's

rand-off Martin Pearson. Hugh McGahan, Leeds's football manager, said: "I can state categorically that Leeds are not interested in this swap, Also, the stories resurfacing about Pearson are non-sense. I feel sorry for him

EEDS denied yesterday | the championship. But they are showing signs of improve-ment and, although the defeat against London two weeks ago was a massive embarrass ment, they have managed a win either side, against Shef field and Paris. Henry Paul, who missed

Wigan's midweek match at Halifax, will play at loose for-ward tonight at Workington, which means that the champi-ons will leave Jason Robinson

at stand-off. Wigan are without the in-jured Gary Connolly, Scott Quinnell, Kelvin Skerrett and when he keeps being linked

clay-court revolution. But youngsters to learn the game it is certainly well into a on. building boom in favour of a So

cause 40 per cent of the main | Europe this year by mounting | helpfully, quicker-drying | important - having the pa-

youngsters to learn the game gin because the 13-court facil-ity is newly built on Such is the background to reclaimed industrial land on surface once happily left to Johnny Foreigner. The change is mainly be-catch up with the rest of for the slightly faster and,

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T WOULD be stretching a Taking a wider view, it is They take place on the vir-point to say that British also accepted that clay is far gin green earth of the Weish tennis is on the verge of a and away the best surface for National Tennis Centre. Vir-

years ago there was one. Hence the new four-leg satel-lite circuit; hence Britain's first invitation to host the European junior championships this summer.

"This is the lowest rung of the professional game but it's still very tough and lots fall off," said one LTA national coach, Leighton Alfred. "But it's a very good grounding and you can learn fast. On clay the mental aspect is all-

well on it, despite the tempta-tion to make up for lack of to think about what you're penetration by producing a constant stream of top-spin "moon balls" that bore opponents into defeat.

"This scheme won't pay off straight away but the 10- and 11-year-olds coming through will get used to constructing rallies," said Jo Durie, another interested onlooker at Lee-on-Solant who now as-sists her former coach Alan Jones with one of the elite

doing and how you're going to win. A lot of our players don'i know how to win matches." It is not all in the mind and

the ability to stay in the rally with moon-balls, however. "You still need a killer shot to reach the top on clay, a shot that hurts people." says Alfred, who coaches Miles Maclagan, the Briton rated most at home on clay.

"It's a misconception that

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ATP and WTA Tour events a proper satellite circuit or "American" clay rather that tience to stay in focus longer national souada clay is a defensive surface. with us. Neil Cowie. The Western Sa and manoeuvre your oppo-Despite per solid record at You still get good value for are now played on clay and clay. Four weeks of fournaments, the red dirt of Europe. Transfer rumours will con- | moan Shem Tatupu is on the Green is also a more appronent out of position tinue, however, as long as bench with the Frenchman Leeds are at the wrong end of Gael Tallec. foreign Frankies and Johnthe French Open, including a aggression, you can still play He was speaking during last week's third leg at Lee-on-Solent, where one of his semi-final appearance in 1963, Durie is no great enthusiast for clay but she admits that it calls for improved strokean attacking game. On grass you have to take more risks: nies are cleaning up. Last Sunday a low-ranked Spandrawing young professionals from as far afield as Austrauriate colour, since it was the grass of Wimbledon that lia, South Africa, Uruguay and Russia, come to a climax made this revolution possible. Using the greenbacks gener-ated by the last redoubt of iard named Roberto Carreon clay there's a higher per tero picked up £210,000 by beating his slightly less lowcharges was losing a three-hour reliving contest amid centage of strategy involved. this weekend with the finals making, tactical flexibility It may be more forgiving as a THE of the Rover men's and women's events, which both whizs-bang tennis, the LTA can now muster five claythe springtime blossom and swirling Solent breezes. surface but people can come back at you if you let your ranked compatriot Alex Corand focus. "You need mental strength and stamina on clay, you retja on Hamburg pay-dirt to become German Open carry world-ranking comcourt tournament-and-train-Experts agree that players guard down. It just takes champion. puter points: ing venues where only three need to grow up on clay to do) have to work your way longer to put people away Basketball Results Sport in brief · Britain ready to unite for . Rugby League Judo AUSTRALIAN PERMITS Buburbs 16, Penrith 6. Nigel Donohue reached the **European Championships** Cooperage 8-0; i majoli (Cro) bi 6 Fauka (Acij 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL (Cardiff; Ovariar-Annie: H Regrous (Sto) bi N Kij-muta Lispani 7-6, 7-5, P Hy-Bookse (Can) bi M da Swarth (SA) 6-3, 6-3; D Coardels (Bel) bi A Vical (Fr) 6-1, 6-3; D Yan Rount (Bel) bi M Oremans (Neth) 6-5, 1-3. semi-finals but Britain's Golf other European champion Ni-cola Fairbrother failed in the BERSON AND MEDGES INTERNA-TIONAL OPEN (Theme) Second-round qualifiers (GB/re unless state): 136 M A timeres (Sp) 63, 70, 140 J Robson 70, 70; C Morrgomerie 72, 68, B Langer (Ger) 69, 71 144 R Rattety 70, 71; D Cooper 71, 70 143, W Westney (SA) 72, 70; I Woon-hum 72, 70; H Clark 69, 73, R Drummond 72, etc. 9, unris 71, 143, 5 Case 73, 70; former Scottish international Robert Pryce triple-jumper. "Fiba is sympa-thetic to that." defence of her title, writes Duncan Steen in The Hague. Knowles will discuss the plan with Boris Stankovic, THE England men's team, struggling at the bottom of their European Champion-ship qualifying group, are in their death throes. Next year 70: C Mornigomerie 72, 68; B Lañger (Ger) 69, 71 441 R Raffert 70, 71: D Cooper 71, 71: 1443 W Westher (SA) 72, 70: 1 Woon-num 72, 71; H Clark 69, 73, R Drammond 73, 69: P Lawrie 71, 71: 143 5 Cage 73, 70: E Canonica (II) 70, 73, S Torrance 71, 72: N Faldo 70, 73, P Bairer 69, 74: 1444 M Mao. Venzia 72, 73; P Calter 69, 74: 1444 M Mao. Venzia 72, 73; P Lankari (Save) 72, 72: S Amea (Trun) 73, 71; A Coltarr 77, 57, 449 J Sparca 72, 73; P Linkari (Save) 72, 72: N Hisy (Aus) 73, 71; A Coltarr 77, 57, 449 J Sparca 77, 73; A Linkari (Save) 74, 71; R Wessels (SA) 73, 72, 1446 J Van de Velde (Fr) 69, 71; R Alfenby (Aus) 74, 72; M Hisy (Aus) 73, 71; A Coltarr 77, 57, 749 J Sparca 77; R A Hendy (Aus) 74, 72; M Hisy (Aus) 73, 72; F Hobilo (NC) 75, 71; P Al-Reck 72, 73; P Hobilo (NC) 75, 71; P Al-Reck 72, 74; P Mobilo (NC) 75, 71; P Al-Reck 72, 74; P Mobilo (NC) 75, 71; P Al-Reck 72, 74; P Mobilo (NC) 75, 71; P Al-Reck 72, 74; P Mobilo (NC) 75, 72; M Lawner (Swei) 75, 72; P Ealee 74, 72; S Lyle 74, 72; R Chapman 71, 78; E Romano (Awg) 73, 74; G Gorosan (SA) 75, 72; M Gatas 71, 70; R Goosan (SA) 75, 72; M Gatas 71, 70; R Goosan (SA) 75, 72; M Gatas 71, 70; R Goosan (SA) 75, 72; M Satas 71, 76; R 460-Rivero (Sp) 75, 73; N Harveod (Aug) 72, 75; F Yalera (Sp) 72, 76; S Ballesterce (Sp) 75, 73; B Lawr 76, 72; T Piancilla (F1) 74, 74; G Evans 75, 73; T Spanse 74, 74; A Sherborne 72, 76; M Harveod (Aug) 72, 72; Gardio (Sp) 71, 77; C CLOMAL TOURNAMENT (FOR Worft, Tausse; Mather 20, 76; N Harveod Goosan (SA) 75, 72; M Harveod Goosan (SA) 75, 72; M Harveod 74, 72; G Suber 71, 74; M Harveod Fa, 72; T Gardio (Sp) 71, 77; C CLOMAL TOURNAMENT (FOR Worft, Tausse; M Harveod Beaders (S) Subas stated): 46 O Lineati, W Levic J Gailaghar. 67 S Janes; E Autory, 48 K (T Kink; J Kelly, N Henka, B Ogle (Aus); T Kink; J Kelly, N Henka, B Ogle (Aus); T Kink; J Kelly, N Henka, B Ogle (Aus); T Kink; J Kelly, N Henka, B Ogle (Aus); T Kink; J Kelly, M Henka, B Caler, 74 J Ozaki, M Henne; J Sumar, J Huston; C Barder; M Henne; J Sumar, J Real Tennis Fairbrother has only the lightweight bronze to fight for LAURENT-PERRIER MASTER Badminton Fiba's general secretary, at Fiba's European standing conference in Andorra this after she was narrowly out-pointed by Beata Kuchar-erwska in the second round. 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The English, Scottish and British teams are likely to Evening Racing he better funded than Eng-land and Scotland teams ever Tammy Miller, the Clifton NEWTON ABBOT Welsh associations, ready to end an inglorious chapter of and Great Britain midfielder, will almost certainly miss her 8.00 (200 110740 Ch)=1, CASP144 Mi LUCA, G Lyton (5-2): 2, Mr Phartel (5-2): 3, Date of Dresses (7-1): 9-1 42 Shi-ay's Train. 6 ram. 6, 14. (5 Knight) Tolk: CLOD, 21,70, CLOD, Dual F: E4.00, CSF: CLOD, 21,70, CLOD, Dual F: E4.00, CSF: were. The British Olympic Association would provide a measure of financial support. 3 mutual suspicion and under-funded failure, have agreed in club's first appearance in the AEWHA Cup final at Milton particularly as the 1999 Euro-pean Championships serve as qualifying tournaments for the 2000 Sydney Olympics. But it may already be too CLED: FLTD. CLED. Duni F: EAUEL CEF-CR.51.
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Barcelona guarantee Robson £2m pay-out

John Duncan on

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the 63-year-old who has deposed Cruyff

OBBY ROBSON bepaid British manager in world football yes-terday when he replaced Jo han Cruyff as coach of Barcelona.

Details of Robson's contract emerged last night after the FC Porto manager signed a two-year contact worth \$100,000 per month — double the £50,000 per month deal that Alex Ferguson has just agreed with Manchester

Instance The move from FC Porto completed a remarkable transformation in fortunes for the 63-year-old Robson, who was heavily criticised during his eight years as Eng-land manager — he was once accused of being a clown — and who last year won his battle against facial cancer after a malignant tumour was discovered by chance in his cheek

He has since played a full part in Porto's defence of their league title and established himself as one of Europe's most successful managers.

However, Robson was only Barcelona's second choice after Ajax refused permission to approach their coach Louis Van Gaal. The speculation in Spain is that Robson may be asked to keep the seat warm for 12 months before moving to a job as technical director at the Nou Camp to make way for the Dutchman.

"The Barcelona job is mine," Robson said, "I didn't want this to come out but now it has I have to say it is tie. He was immediately correct. I am signing a two-

year contract with them. That is all I want, then I will bow out of football. But what a way for me to go, as man-ager of one of the really great clubs."

Robson has been offered the Barcelona job twice before, came the highest the first time when he was at Ipswich. He turned them down then but recommended Terry Venables, who won the title for them in his first season. He also turned down a move to Arsenal when the Porto president, with whom he has a good relationship, asked him to stay.

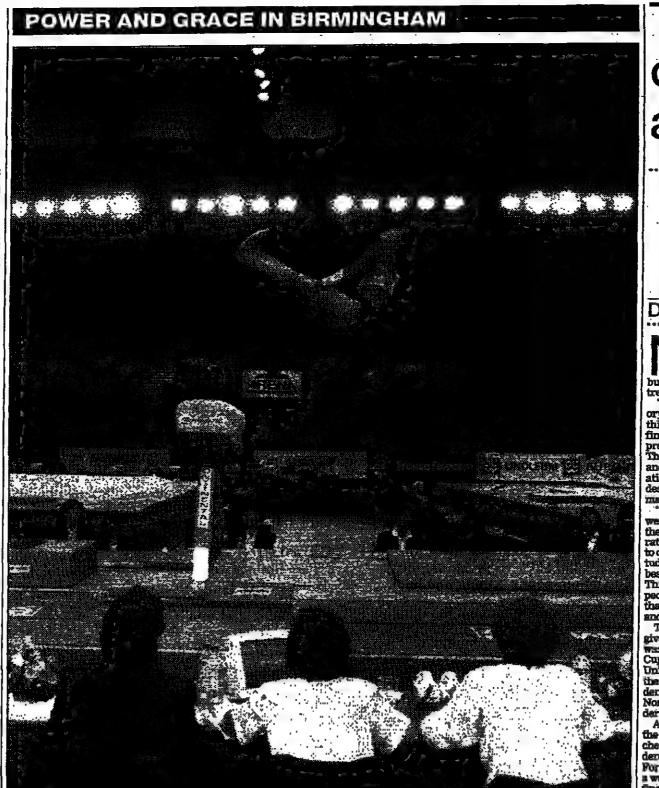
As is always the case in football management, one man's opportunity is another man's P45 and Barcelona decided to dispense with Cruyff despite eight successful years in charge. The Dutchman

won four consecutive league titles from 1990 to 1994 and the club's first European Cup in 1992. However, he has paid the price for a lean two years in which the club have failed to win anything. However, he has never managed to improve an acri-

monious relationship with the Barcelona board and especially its president Jose Luis Num Robson is well versed in the

niceties of managing European clubs. He first ventured abroad in 1990, taking up a two-year contract with PSV Eindboven after overseeing England's World Cup campaign. Although he took the Dutch side to two titles they failed to renew his contract because of his lack of Euro-pean success. They have not won the title since.

From there he took charge at Sporting Lisbon but was sacked in mid-season with the side at the top of the table after Sporting lost a Uefa Cup snapped up by Porto.



Vaniting ambitton ... Sibel Cetegen of Turkey takes to the air during the women's European Gymnastics Championships at the National Exhibition Centre yesterday PHOTOGRAPH: ROLAND LEON

The lesson of hype and let-down



David Lacev

N OBODY thought much of the FA Cup final. The condemna-tion was universal but one reporter put it more trenchantly than most: "By a great effort of mam-ory," he wrote, "I can only think of one other FA Cup final that had a similarly definal that had a similarly de-pressing effect on the crowd.

That was a perfect nightmare and after careful consider-ation I cannot find any better scription of last Saturday's munich. "The men on either side

were thinking too much of their opponents' strength rather than their own power to conquer, and such an atti-tude is ever detrimental to the best conception of football. This final sent the majority of people away with a conviction that they had been badly used and badly entertained, too."

The prose style probably gives the game away. For this vas a comment not on the 1996 Cup final between Manchester United and Liverpool but on the 1922 final between Hud-dersfield Town and Preston North End, won 1-0 by Hud-dersfield with a penalty.

dersneid winn a penarty. At least the writer thought the 1904 final between Man-chester City and Bolton Wan-derars had been just as bad. For some the great let-down of a week agd was the worst Cup final ever, which only goes to show how unmemorable the fore how unmemorable the four hours of mediocrity in-volving Arsenal and Sheffield Wedneeday in 1998 must have been.

Championship. This, we are told, is going to be a football tournament like to other, not merely bigger than any of its predecessors, which is un-donbtedly true, but better, which one must beg leave to doubt In fact by converting the

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European Championship, which has always fitted awk wardly between World Cups, into a 16-team, 31-match telefhon, Uefa has risked spoiling the essential appeal of the thing, which was its relative brevity leading to a height-ened dramatic impact.

"Small is beautiful," declared Lennart Johansson, the large Swedish president of Uefa, when efforts to double the number of finalists were being resisted. He soon

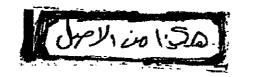
changed his mind. So Terry Venables and the other coaches of next month's finalists are having to choose their squads on the basis of excellence and with an eye to durability over three weeks of intensive activity. If this pro-duces a memorable final at Wembley on June 30 it will be more by accident than design. There will surely never be a etter climax to a Europ

Championship than 1976, the last to be settled over five days because it involved only semi finals and final, plus a third place play-off. Holland quickly grumbled

their way out but Yugoslavia, the hosts, West Germany and Sechoslovakia, the eventual winners, produced wonderful football thereafter. None of these countries now exists in the form of 20 years ago. A pity the tournament has gone the same way.

F COURSE the pres ence of England at Wembley on June 30 would guarantee the nation's attention and an Regist victory would not have too many complaining about the spectacle. But the flual should naither be exalted in advance simply because it is a final nor condemned out of hand if the players fail to





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BSE is our latest excuse for falling out with the French. The dislike defines who we are, says NICHOLAS FRASER

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> NTERVIEWED on the Today programme, Sir Charles Powell, Mrs Thatcher's foreign policy guru, complained this week that the French still adversaries. "They have old memories," he moaned. "We have been competing so long that we haven't lost the habit. Above my desk hang two 18th-century prints by William Hogarth, and I ad-mire them frequently these days. One of them depicts skinny, priest-ridden French-men at Calais eating frogs egs and garlic spit-roasted on a sword under an inn sign advertising Meagre Soup at the King's Clog.

There are no clogs or priest in the other print, which depicts free (and somewhat overweight) Englishmen feast ing on "Old England's Beef and Beer" while preparing to give the Frenchias another

Hogarth's world view still holds among the likes of Teress Gorman, but it is nowadays tempered by antiety. "Would you buy an onion string from this man?" asked the Daily Mail lamely last Tuesday. Why not? I asked my-self. I thought of Jacques Chirac when I heard that he was eating beef at 10 Downing Street. For a Frenchman, how weet it must be to find oneself visiting Britain in the time of Mad Cows and Europhobia, water. Linda Colley's book,

find ourselves — through a haze of Peter Mayle-induced romanticism — being sold vin-egar instead of plonk at the local supermarket.

"Have you noticed it's just those things the English pride themselves on most which are better here?" asks a character in Nancy Mitford's novel Don't Tell Alfred. "Trains: more punctual; tweeds: more pretty; football: the French always win. Doctors: can't be compared, nobody ever dies here until they're a hundred" This is the current British

view, among the liberal classe at least. But our sense of envious unease as we emerge by Eurostar from the wastes around Ashford to the sleek plains of northern France is shadowed by centuries of presumed superiority. We know in every thump of our beet sodden petriotic hearts that the French can't be better than we are. When Sellars and Yeatman were still read to English schools, the knot of mutual Anglo-French disregard was supposed to have been tied in Joan of Arc's day. Now histori-ans place it after Shakespeare's patriotic plays, which are thought to be symptoms of English cultural anxiety. If was in the 18th century that Britain began to become prosperous, formulating the idea of itself as a Protestant alternative to the great absolutiat Catholic landmass across the

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Relations were soured, how-ever, by hostility to the French Revolution, regarded by Britons, except for wild-eyed liberals like Byron, Paine, Fox and als like byton, raise, rot take Shelley, as a breach of estab-lished international order. The ultimate defeat of Napoleon, and the decline of France, set the pattern for a spirit of distant, patronising correctness, punctuated by tut-tutting at the persistent political over-excit-ability of the French.

We frequented their brothels, drank their wine and summered at their seaside: they sent us such eminent exiles as Zola, Hugo and Napoleon III. Meenwhile our own by now

England is our model -- and our rival, our light -- and our enemy -JPL de Luchet, 1790

How much will (the French and English) have inflicted on each other! How much good we might have done' - Napoleon, 1816

● The days of hostility between the two countries are happily at an end — Rdward VII, 1993

Quotes taken from Best of Enemies by Robert Gibson

ingrained sense of superiority gave us much wholly deserved satisfaction. "Have you got a est in Franch corporatism, but it has never proved attractive in the wider Britain. Nor, for copy of the French Constituthat matter, has the increasing tion?" a borrower asks in an monarchism of the 1870s Punch cartoon, "Tm sorry republican state, reflected in the toadying — so different to the treatment of our own royals sir, but we don't stock periodicals," the librarian replies. While the British were prooc-- with which presidential doings are chronicled by a tame cupied with the real estate of Impire, a readjustment of the idea of France took place. There Thatcher enjoyed a moment was no attempt to emulate the of mild celebrity in France among those who considered grand aristocratic high capital ist laissez-faire traditions of their island neighbour. Instead hemselves liberals — there aren't many of them, and they are on the French right — but the French elite worked through the Jacobin tradition of the state as moderniser and her roughness went against the national grain and her dress gent of meritocratic elitism. sense proved unexportable. With 12 per cent unemploy-Education became the cen-tral belief in France's secular ment, Scandinavian levels of republican creed. To the Brittaxation, and a bloated welfare state which will shortly ish, struggling to maintain the Entente Cordiale while appear become impossible to finance, ing Germany, France still seemed backward in the 1930s, France has flirted briefly with the "market solutions" to ecobut most of its post-war success nomic crisis proffered in Britwas due to the reshaping of ain and America, but without France in that decade. enthusiasm.

wartime achievements he admired. The ENA supplied a cadre of bureaucrats for the planned postwar economy, and then for the New Europe. Jacques Chirac and his prime min-ister are both graduates of the school. Most of what British

school. Most of what British Europhobes slightingly call "Brussels" is in reality a French invention. It was de Gaulle, too, who delivered the greatest blow to Britain in modern times, tak-ing revenge for past humilia-tions by blackhalling Harold Macmillan's 1963 application Macmillan's 1963 application for European Community membership. "Britain is insu-lar," he declared. "Her nature, her structure, and her economic position differs from those of Continentals." At cabinet meetings the General enter-tained his ministers with a spir-ited rendering of Edith Piaf's Au Revoir, Milord,

For the British, there emains something faintly underhand about the French cult of intelligence, combined as it is with the pursuit of national self-interest. This resentment comes out in the genteel mistrust of Gallic unscrupulousness ritually

expressed by Charles Moore's Daily Telegraph. These British patriots would rather see the French elite as "cynical" collaborationists whose real lessons come from the debacle of 1940, than admit that there is something sensible about the release of so much administrative talent. Among Labour Europhiles of the 1970s there was a brief inter-

Of all the Nations of Europe, the English and French should love one another best' — Guillaume Herbert, 1642

take on the unions, and break their power, as Thatcher did. What British Tories regard as surrender, therefore. French politicians like the current prime minis-bike the current prime minis-ter. Alain Juppe, consider as the only realistic way of deal-ing with the French tradition of manning barricades. Only with respect to ethnic

minorities does the French state act with exemplary harshness, gunning down suspected terrorists without much public comment. French coverage of the Brit-ish model of race relations, presumed to consist of sloppy laissez-faire, is unfail. ingly censorious. Meanwhile, of course, the French do have their culture.

Where we British believe in such totemic abstractions as sovereignty, the French place their trust in words. Formal, judicial incorpora-tion of France within a federal Europe doesn't bother them, so long as what they consider to be the integrity of French cultural excellence is maintained. And for the French elite,

endlessly schooled in the notion of the superiority of generality and abstraction, it is the idea of culture, above all, that matters — not its execution. In Britain we may have no film industry to speak of, but we do produce highly watchable films like Trainspotting which French audiences flock to see. The French, by contrast, have a cultural indusiry that eneures films are made grants, bureaucrats, quotas arranged in Brussels — but few films worth queuing for in the Paris or London rain. Being half-French, I've wondered on and off whether the two countries are becoming more alike, or whether the facts of economic convergence haven't paradoxically encouraged --- as compense tion and to retain something of a shared past of antago-nism — a spirit of dissimilar-

ity. I tend now to think the latter might be the case. Forty-odd years ago, when European union was first envisaged, cultural uniformity was considered highly desirable. But we now live in an age of what Ernest Gellner called "secondary cultural



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hand while dispensing un-wanted advice about the single currency or the prospects of the lifting of a ban on gelatin. For though we respect and

fear Germans more --- because they gave us our wretched. royal family, as well as tooth-brush moustaches and Christmas trees - our oldest and best tabloid quarrel, inexhaustible in the variety of mutual insults it allorda, lies with the French. If they play our game wall

mough, like the miraculous Eric Cantona, we make them, after a due period of punishing apprenticeship, honorary Britons. Otherwise we take care to encounter them only through the haze of cultural misunderstanding. This neans that we marvel at their rudeness while we mistake, ike Edina and Patsy in Absolutely Fabulous, the concierge odge for the palatial villa or

manufactured as an explana tion of our no longer embattled condition, fighting war after successful war against the French. It was, essentially, an invention — a device for estab-lishing the uniqueness of the new Union by cementing its dissident parts in the light of triumphant plunder. But for French travellers the British miracle was a different one. Voltaire, coming to Britain in 1730, found the food disgusting but rejoiced in the fact that the meanest Britons held themselves aloft, protected by be. There was no censorship;

their King like free men should science and philosophical spec plations were duly encoura Like post-structuralists looking at America 150 years later, the French intelligentsia of the Enlightenment found much to commend in the utopian Britain of Locke and Hume.

In 1945 de Gaulle founded the There is no real tradition of Ecole Nationale d'Administratooth-and-claw capitalism in tion, in a spirit of homage to the France, and it is not feasible for British Civil Service, whose presidents or their minions to

pleasant or irritating differences -- football team shirts, consonant-filled giottal minority languages, and rar-efied means of preparing native freshwater fish — are exaggerated in order to shore up the vanishing of poodcotter

In their different ways the French and English, just as they constituted the earliest nation states, are now the prime representatives of the new pluralism. Both countries have in common an eccentric as well as a bloodstained past. They share an interest in continuing to recycle the oldest quar-rels rather than consigning them to oblivion. Should we be upset by this phenome non? Should we not instead enjoy it?

Nicholas Fraser is writing a book on end-of-century

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Sell now, repent later

VEN THE staunchest supporters of privatisation would admit this has not been a good week for the utilities. Indeed, it may have been so bad that it will sour the image of privatisation for a long time to come. First, British Gas saw its shares plunge after the regulator sought the removal of monopoly profits by ordering cuts of up to 28 per cent in the prices charged by its transportation arm. This is not what Sid expected when he bought the shares at a knock-down price. Nor is it what the Government thought would happen when it tried to turn the nation into an army of popular capitalists fattened up to vote Conservative. Second, an independent report commissioned by Yorkshire Water found that last summer's flasco over surging profits and evaporating water supplies was "a crisis waiting to happen". The corporation was found to be losing nearly a third of its supplies through leakages in its pipes when hundreds of thousands of customers faced restrictions. Privatisation was supposed to do better than that. Third, National Power, one of the three big generating compa-

ntes, found itself making so much (monopoly) profit that it decided to give an astonishing £1.6 billion of surplus cash back to shareholders in the biggest dividend distribution in corporate history. If Gordon Brown's proposed windfall tax on the utilities needed any justification then this week provided it. Goodness knows what a visitor from Mars would make of all this. Economic growth is almost stagnant: manufactur-ing investment fell in the last quarter yet an electricity company decides that the best use of its money is to shovel it back to shareholders. Even the rightwing Adam Smith Institute, in an otherwise fawning report on electricity privatisa-tion, today has to admit that "in retrospect it is clear that the balance of benefits from the electricity reforms so far may have tilted too much in favour of the shareholders and management ... and too little in favour of the consumer". Adam Smith himself - no lover of monopoly profits - would turn in his grave at the thought of such excess

Are there any lessons to be learned from a decade and a half of privatisation? There are, but hardly any of them have been learned by this government. The first is that, for some of the basic utilities, there is no need to privatise at all if you apply the Government's own successful pricing formula (the retail price index minus x per cent) to monopoly companies. This provides a built-in pressure for efficiency which is far better than the monopolistic (or oligopolistic) situations into which privatised utilities are thrust. The electricity industry may argue that their success goes deeper than

that because they achieved huge reductions in manpower beyond what was required by the formula and that they deserve the rewards. True - except that those nationalised corporations which weren't privatised (or which were sold late on in the process) actually achieved even bigger reductions in manpower and higher rises in productivity than those privatised. This suggests that deeper factors than privatisation were at work improving efficiency - like the worldwide swing to "downsizing" and a hostile government opposed to subsidies.

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The second lesson --- which the Government wantonly ignored at the time. even though it was regularly warned is that if utilities have to be privatised they should be subjected to as much competition as possible. They are only just getting around to this now. The third lesson - still totally ignored - is that in order to maximise the benefits to the taxpayer, the process of privatisation should take place in stage

If the Government had phased the sale of electricity over more years it would have got a higher return and avoided accusations of dumping assets on the cheap. The fire-sale of the whole of Railtrack, for totally political reasons in advance of the general election, shows what little has been learned. If this government won't learn from the mistakes of the past then there isn't much hope for other countries around the world, some of whom are slavishly following the British privatisation model as if it were some kind of magic wand conjuring up instant economic success. It never was then and it certainly isn't now.

Blameless Mr Howard

GHTEEN months ago, the Lord Chief Justice complained to the British Academy of Forensic Science of a government silence on forensic service reform which was "becoming deadening". Now, after yet another forensic scandal, there is much noise but still little progress. Indeed, all that Michael Howard's statement to the Commons this week achieved was more confusion. Initially, even though begrudgingly, he conceded the serious error of the forensic service under his control. He could hardly do otherwise after his scientists had told him that the laboratory conduct-ing the tests for traces of explosives in terrorist cases since 1969 had been using a contaminated machine. This required the Government to bring in an independent forensic expert this week to examine 12 terrorist cases to see if there could have been a wrongful conviction. Yet by the time he faced MPs, the Home Secretary was already backtracking on his earlier written statement. The issue is important. Michael Howard has always claimed he would take responsibility for policy mistakes, but not operational errors. As Judge Tumim observed, this was a bogus definition because of the huge overlap between the two concepts, but it has proved an indispensable shield protecting Michael Howard from responsibility for a succession of serious fail-ures. Even when Conservative commentators complained about "the very polit cal Home Secretary who is rather bad a politics" all he needed to do was lift his shield - as when he sacked the Prison Director rather than accept responsibility for the security failures. But this week's forensic failure is about policy, not about operation.

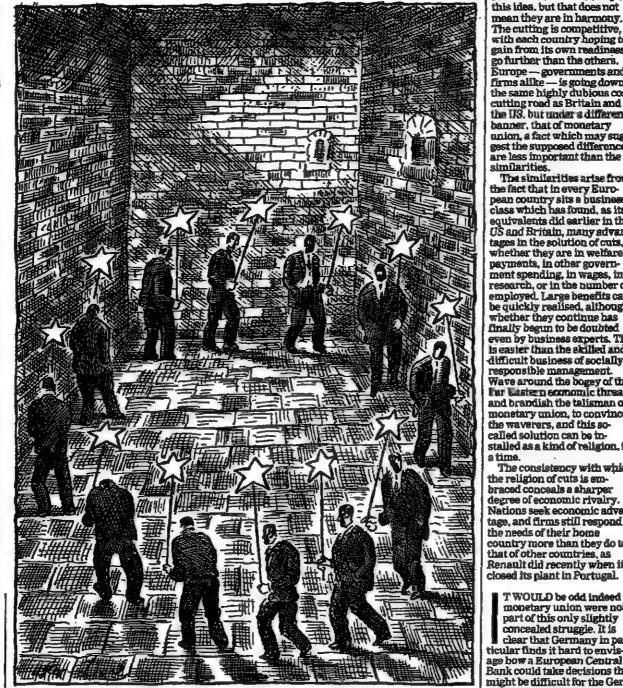
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There have been three separate warnings to Michael Howard about the need for an independent external scrutiny of the forensic service - an audit which would check, among other things, to see whether machines were clean. The first was issued by a Lords Select committee which examined the service and reported in March, 1993. The second came four months later when the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice, in a special chapter on the forensic service, noted the absence of external scrutiny and assessment and called for an independent body to carry out such audits. It wanted these reports on the performance, achievements and efficiency of the service to go directly to the Home Secretary. Eighteen months ago, the Lord Chief Justice added his voice to these calls declaring the reforms were "urgent and overdue". Yet still the Home Secretary refused to move, despite producing annual white papers or new bills on the criminal justice system. Jack Straw got it right when he accused the Home Secretary this week of "a disastrous combination of arrogance and ineptitude". Howard's response was predictable; blame the Opposition for daring to criticise - "A disgraceful approach to serious matters of this kind." Only a man with no shame could deny any blame.

Despite its differences on monetary union, MARTIN WOOLLACOTT argues that Europe is ruthlessly united in the way governments are seeking to protect their own national interests, Illustration by PETER TILL

Reduced to the



ments are under the sway of this idea, but that does not mean they are in harmony. The cutting is competitive, with each country hoping to gain from its own readiness to go further than the others. Europe — governments and firms alike — is going down the same highly dubious cost-cutting road as Britain and the US, but under a different banner, that of monetary union, a fact which may suggest the supposed differences are less important than the similarities. The similarities arise from

the fact that in every European country sits a business class which has found, as its equivalents did earlier in the US and Britain, many advantages in the solution of cuts, whether they are in welfare payments, in other government spending, in wages, in research, or in the number of employed. Large benefits can be quickly realised, although whether they continue has finally begun to be doubted even by business experts. This is easier than the skilled and difficult business of socially responsible management. Wave around the bogey of the har Gastern economic threat and brandish the talisman of monetary union, to convince the waverers, and this socalled solution can be in-stalled as a kind of religio

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for Runcie boys campaign led by Roy Jenkins and Ted Heath. The No vote Rattling the bars

Church outing

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HAT ON earth is wrong with the pressure group called Action Centre for Europe (Inappro-priately shortened to ACE) Isid on a press conference to Church of England? It - or rather. its clergy - seem inca pable of talking about anything but sex, and especially the kind of sex which was once launch a pamphlet by that once charismatic figure of afraid to speak its name. social democracy, Dick Ta-These days it doesn't just verne. Many representatives

campaigners, who included Michael Foot and Neil Einnock as well as Enoch Powell, ran their show on peanuts. Though they began as favour-ites, they eventually lost comprehensively. Those roles now seens to have been reversed. If there is another referendum, this time on Monetary Union, then it will be the Euro-phobes who

attract the big money and get the backing of the Tory press. The harsh reality is that Euroanthusiasm isn't fashionable any longer, even with the Bank of England. That message was inscribed on the wall last Thursday, when a Tory-dominated Euro-

religion of cuts

TATE visits are an-tiques. They deploy the symbols of the past - cavalry regiments, palaces, horse-drawn carriages special trains — in an unce tain present. As President Jacques Chirac and his wife return to France with their watercolour by Prince Charles, their engraved silver boxes, and their rhododendron bush, we can reflect on how much has changed since these elaborate affairs had real meaning.

Once their purpose was to confer a carefully calibrated degree of favour on a particular nation, while at the same time showing off military, in-dustrial and agricultural prowess to the visitor. They are from a time when Europe was full of combative, aggres sively independent nations. A state visit might seal a peace, avert a war, or designedly irri-tate a third party. They could go wrong. Kaiser Wilhelm never forgave the slights he felt he had suffered here. The state visit of Emperor Hirohito merely instilled in him a lifelong addiction to Oxford marmalade. Now they are, mainly, occasions which set

the teeth on edge, watched for the accident, gaffe or discour-tosy which might undermine the pageantry with farce. In today's Europe they are an oddity, yet serve to remind us that Europe is still an array

of nations. And whether national competition is still the central reality of European life is the most impor-tant question before us as the debate about integration sput ters on. The argument over monetary union, which now divides the British from most other European government is presented, as we wearily know, as a matter of sover-eignty, or of whether a federal state, based in Brussels, is go-ing to take decision-making away from national capitals It is obviously about such ing on the road to monetary union that could be seen in things, but it is also about hose issues which an Amer everal countries a few can political scientist, Harold months ago is over. In Ger-Lasswell, once put with engage ing crudity: who gets what, how, when, and why? The history of the European commu cellor Heimut Rohl has nity has been interpreted by romantics as one of nations pooling sovereignty to create a united continent. It has been cickness pay and other welnore convincingly recounted

within a new framework ccording to one civil servant. with the possibility that there might arise, over time, some In Spain, Jose Maria Aznar is cutting the upper levels of the civil service by a third, privabits of European politics not anchored in such advantage tising national industries and Chirac did not need to tell the British that monetary changing labour laws to allow for easier dismissals. In Italy, Romano Prodi follows the union has become more ensame path. In all these countries a trenched as a French national objective. A continental version of no-gain-without-pain policies has spread almost everywhere. The brief falter

break with the trades unions has either taken place or soon will. Job creation pacts between unions, employers and government, announced with fanfare only a few months ago, have collapsed. In Belgium socialist members of the cabi many, the opposition's flirta-tion with doubts brought them no benefits. Since then, Channet were pelted with eggs and iomatoes on May Day, and Jean-Luc Dehsene has had to brought in big reductions in public spending, of which the most recent cut pensions, threaten to rule by decree Chirac's government has also sacrificed France's mililary pretensions on this altar. Defence cuts everywhere have made a nonsense of potential fare entitlements. France has done the same, planning "cuts on a scale never seen before",

European military indepen-

dence, at just the momen when the institutional forms for it have finally been created. Consequently, this huge continent of ours cannot hope to deploy a successor force to the Americans in Bosnia without their help.

Europe risks much for the Euro. Why? It seems that mon etary union and the reduction of welfare costs and wages have converged to become the big idea of European governments. It has become, quite irrationally, an all-purpose panacea. What is necessary for monetary union. it is argued, would be necessary any way. Indeed, monetary union is used as an excuse for cuts that business, in particular, would want anyway. "If we don't act now," Kohl said, in a recent letter to the mass circulation Bild Zeitung, "then more jobs will be lost." Most European govern-

Bank could take decisions that might be difficult for the German economy, and that those in France who favour monetary union do so to some extent because they feel that the decisions of such a bank could be influenced by France more than can those of the Bundesbank. Other countries may feel their relationship to the

German economy is so critical that they must follow Bonn or that their prestige as advanced European nations de-pends on keeping up with the Tranco-German leaders. A religion of reductions and sharpening competition is not a happy basis for a huge step forward of this kind. Above all, what is the vision of Europe offered? The best that seems to be imagined is that it will be like now, only with a few more jobs and a lot less money for health or pensions No wonder polls show wide-spread popular doubts in al-

volved in the two decades after Richard Nixon's open-ing to China" (Kizza's finest hour, in case you had forgot ten). It is no surprise that Mart? Lady T and Dr Kizza conce some of the faithful seem determined to take to new configurations to be used as a basis for the US to maintain world begemony in the

elnous enough, it adds: "Many more places of interest." A tour of the Pigalle, perhaps? The advert does nod to the traditionalists.

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The consistency with which

But why did the former Archbishop Runcle feel it nec essary to admit on BBC radio legree of economic rivalry. Nations seek economic advanthis week that, so long as they tage, and firms still respond to didn't tell htm outright, he had always been willing to orcountry more than they do to dain men he knew to be pri-vate homosomuls? He would that of other countries, as Renault did recently when it probably reply that he was asked point blank, and was

therefore bound to answer truthfully. But the Church of England is an institution founded upon doctrinal evasions. Couldn't he have

ducked and weaved just a lit-tle, to the greater good? For the truth about Church of England parsons, just like the ranks of the armed forces is that they have always included quite a lot of hor uals. Why else are there all those jokes about curates and choirboys, matching the cruder ones about randy matelots and the golden

rivet? Lord Runcie was absolutely right to follow his "don't tell me" approach to the ordination of men he privately knew to be homosexual But his un-necessary honesty in retirement has now undone much of the good he did in office. He has given a further twist to the sexual bang-ups of his for-mer church, and thus speeded his decline.

I TWENTY years ago there was a referendum on whether Britain should stay in Europe The campaign was gro-tesquely one-sided, with virtu-ally the whole of Fleet Street urging a Yes vote and vast sums of money funding the

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often from the pulpits of the established church. in attenui ruce Alas, not so the representa-

tives of the press. When our own Michael White mischievously declared that there seemed to be only two reporters present, he was corrected from the chair: there was only one, and he was it.

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Later the same evening, the European Movement - the body which masterminded the Yes campaign in the 1975 referendum — held a reception on the Commons terrace. Very few Tory MPs turned up and there was a better turnou of Labour MPs in the nearby

Strangers' Bar. One Tory remarked that it was the same with the campaign cash: this time it was going overwhelmingly to the Euro-sceptics.

No wonder John Major, no-toriously a man of very few fixed opinions, moves further towards the sceptics with each day that passes. As Ted Heath constantly complains, the Euro-enthusiasts are losing the battle by default.

DONALD Dewar, Labour's chief whip, is a much funnier and less PC man than his gloomy appearance suggests. At a press gallery lunch on Wednesday he told a story about the second coming, when Our Lord went through the streets of Glasgow healing the sick with a touch of his fingers. After restoring the sight of a blind man and bestowing the gift of speech to a dumb woman, he advanced on gravely disabled person, who promptly reared back. "Don't touch me," he pleaded, "I'm on social security."

however. Further down the script, amid talk of three-star botels and luxury coach travel, it states 'Disneyland (optional)". O UR Cambrian neigh-bours should, per-haps, take a closer look at their master-inwaiting, the shadow Welsh secretary, Ron Davies (he of

the unflattering remarks about the Duke of Corn-wall). A few days ago, speaking at the Welsh Labour conference in Swansca, Mr Davies declared that the movement, when in power, will be "building, literally, a new society", an ambitious-sounding plan, to say the least, and one about which we have heard little from his boss. Tony Blair. Perhaps this utopia will be confined to Wales, or even to Mr Davies's Caerphilly constituency. Volunteers, please, for Ron's ashram?

myself."

D end at the beginning, back in the world of wireless. We are sorry but not surprised to read suggestions that Jenny Abramsky, controller of Radio 5, may, by dint of her refreshingly blunt manner, have crased herself from the shortlist for Liz Forgan's old job as managing director of BBC radio. Ten or so years ago, Smallweed recalls an episode in the BBC Club. A minion was being quizzed by Miss Abramsky as to arrange-ments for the coverage of a major story breaking somewas particularly interested as to whether a national reporter was anywhere near the scene. The minion thought not, but added the good news that a BBC local radio station was available to step into the breach. "If I want it done badly," replied Miss Abramsky, "I'll do it





S TATIC crackles around the Light Programme, whose new boss, James Moir, is the latest BBC bigwig to feel the heat function heat from listeners browned off by changes to their favourite channel.

ounger audience. Radio 2's regulars are concerned that he station is being trivialised (Light Lite?), citing in "evidence" the downsizing "evidence" the downsi of Mr Jimmy Young's oadcast by 30 minutes. Alarmed, we made our own urgent, inquiries and can allay at least some fears. The Organist Entertains (Wednesday, 9.30pm), for example, is safe, although one of its pillars, Louis Mor dish, died, aged 88, two months ago at the end of a career stretching back to the days of the cinem: organ. Regulars at Café Pél can in the early 1990s may remember Louis, then wice-weekly pianist, confiding over a drink between ets that he worried Organist was heading for the scrapyard. That it survives and thrives would have

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the BBC Concert Orchestra under the baton of Sidney Torch"..? They couldn't? They wouldn't? Relax they haven't. Friday night remains Music Night. OREIGN affairs, Smallweed has long suspected, is a conman's paradise, in which any proposition ("the Isle of Man stands at the multiple

axes of global conflict") can, if propounded with suitable gravitas, be made to sound plausible, indeed, can be used to "explain" just about any development any mere in the world. It is vital, however, that the practised foreign-affairs attitudiniser keep his hand in with periodic "warnings" of threats to peace in our time, to the New World delighted him. Meanwhile. Order, threats imperceptiwhat about the fount of all

those happy memories... "from the Congress ble to the simpletons in Downing Street, the White House and the Quay d'Or-say. This was a week for Theatre, Eastbourne, your compere. Eugene Fraser ... uch warnings. Lady Thatcher, now in hot competition with her old buddy Ted Heath for the title of leading British Big-Picture Gura, popped up in Mon-day's Wall Street Journal with highlights of her

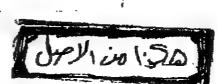
speech in Prague on May 11 to something called the New Atlantic Initiative (would-be gurus take note: always issue your dire warnings to bodies called things like the New Atlantic Initiative). Her particular red alert co cerned the "threat" of US disengagement from Europe. Meanwhile, the master bimself, Henry Kissinger, was thundering in the International Rerald **Tribune against President** Clinton's idiocy in allowing Moscow and Peking to dismantle the "strategic trian-

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trated on the supposed waning of American power — this has been the standby topic of the gurus for sev-eral decades. But there was a time when such thinka one when such think-tanking was handled with more regard for the compet itive tendering principles dear to our former PM. Stone's Weekly for May 10, 1965, noted with amusement that the Department of Commerce in Washingtoo had advertised for a research study entitled "Pax Americana". The study would look, inter alia, at "a variety of world power

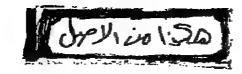
future". Well, that gets it said. Who needs these £10.000-a-speech gurus



heights the ecumenicism so abominated by supporters of the novelist Allow Thomas Ellis, she who started the scrap with a post-mortem mugging of the late Archbishop Worlock of Liverpool. The London dioc-

esan newspaper, the West-minster Record, carries in its May edition a travel advertisement headed intriguingly: "Lourdes/Disneyland". Were this linking of the sacred and the inane po

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Jan Culhane, left, is desperate to make history - as the first person in the world to be helped legally to end her own life. MARGARET SIMONS reports from Darwin

USTRALIANS are unlikely to forget the date July 1, 1996. From that day, a doctor called Philip Nitschke will have the power

to put into use a unique appli-cation of computer technology -his death machine. Nitschke has linked a com-

puter to a syringe that will be filled with deadly drugs. His patients will work their way through a series of screens be-fore they push a key that will end it all. On the second screen is the

blunt warning: "This device has been set to deliver a lethal injection. To proceed to the next step you must press YES." The last screen reads: "If you press YES, you will cause a lethal injection to be

given in 30 seconds, and will die. YES or NO." In an earlier prototype of the Deliverance program, the patient could choose from a range of CD music options. and the final message on the screen was "Goodbye and Good Luck". Now the final exit will be silent. When the toachine becomes available for use in less than two months, the Northern-Territory of Australia, where Nitschke practises, will be-come the first jurisdiction in

liative care be upgraded, a hospice established and an education programme conducted before the law came into effect. Nobody was prepared to say how long all this would take.

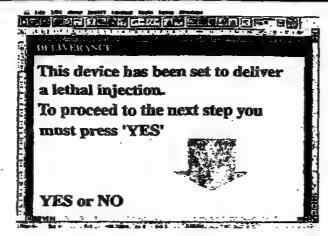
One wife smuggled her 85year-old husband out of hospital and on to a plane, terrifled the atrline would realise he was not fit to fly. They booked into a Darwin motel and contacted a doctor, but were told they couldn't yet be helped. The man died, weeks later, in his rented room. By his own hand? "Who knows," says Nitschke, "This is a small community. It's like a goldfish bowl up here at the moment. We are watched."

After July 1, patients who satisfy the rigorous require-ments of the law will be able to receive the medical help they crave. Pro-enthanasia doctors say they are aware of up to two dozen patients wanting to travel to Darwin. One query has come from Britain. Meanwhile, there is raw

emotion in Darwin, which opponents of the law say will become the world's Death City, the destination for oneway tourism. The arguments from doc-

tors, right-to-lifers and the churches vary from respect for the senctity of human life to fears that this will be the thin end of the wedge --- that

voluntary euthanasia will



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Dr Philip Nitschke with the computer linked to a syringe that will be filled with deadly drugs. His patients will work their way through this series of screens before they push a key that will end it all

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pricked into action on euthanasia when the Australian Medical Association claimed there wasn't a single doctor in the Territory who would co-operate with its implementation. He persuaded a group of doctors to sign an advertise-ment contradicting the association's line. Then, suddenly, 'I was drowning in it'.

"I was drowning in it". Nitschke says the Territory prides itself on being different. "The attitude is, "We are Ter-ritorians. A spade is a spade. People live. People die. We're not squeamish about this." Jan Culhane, a nurse, aged

51, is likely to be the first per-son to begin the process towards legal enthanasia. She is already living in Darwin, having moved from New South Wales shortly after the legislation was passed. In the only interview she has given, she expressed a fervent desire not to live to her 52nd birth-

lay next August. Hers has been a sad and dif-ficult life, lived with Eerce hdependence and determination. Her fear of losing that independence is what is driving her to seek early death. She divorced an alcoholic husband and raised three children by herself, including one with Downs syndrome. A fourth child drowned at the

age of six. For the last five years, she has suffered from breast can-

to the stage where I had insti-gated all the help that my Downs syndrome son needed to survive in the world. It was my time. When I came to Dar win it was a relief. I didn't continually have to be on the ball, and worry about them, and I know that's selfish ...' Then she broke down.

Nitschke says he fears for Culhane. Despite everything ber journey to Darwin may still end in disappointment. The requirements of the legis-lation are strict. She will first have to request help to commit suicide from a Northern Territory doctor, who must be satisfied she is suffering from s terminal illness involving unacceptable pain and suffar ng. The diagnosis must be confirmed by a second doctor, and a psychiatrist must find that she is not suffering from a

treatable depression. After waiting at least seven lays from the initial request. Culhane will have to sign a form titled "Request for Assis-tance to end my life in a Humane and Dignified Man-ner". She will then have to wait at least another 48 hours before her life can end in the presence of the initial doctor There are several potential pitalis. The legislation states that no doctor can be forced to participate in the process, and at present the Northern Tarri-

tory has only two psychiarists. Both are keeping their opinions close to their chests

And, by her own admission,

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As the day of reckoning ap-proaches, Darwin grows daily more divided between those

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YES or NO

legally assist the terminally ill to commit suicide. People can be very determined to die — or at least to choose the manner of their departure. It is a determination we normally associate with the will to live. But in Darwin, the remote capital of the Northern Territory, it is the will to end life that is dividing

the world where a doctor can

the community. A year ago, the state's par-liament passed the first legislation in the world making euthanasia legal. Almost imm-ediately, tragic journeys began. At least half a dozen people from across Australia sold property, said farewell to relatives, and travelled to Darwin, only to end up in a motel room, unable to die. The law demanded that pal-

open the door for the venal to have their relatives put down. "The scaremongering suggests you are a murderer, that you want to bump off people who are in the way, that you are harking back to Hitler's Germany," says Lynda Crack-nall, president of the Darwin

Pro-euthanasia Society. Why is this happening here of all the places in the world? Why has this tiny parliament of 25 members and no upper honse, covering a jurisdiction of just 173,000 people spread over an area nearly six times the size of Britain, done what no other parliament in the world would dare to do?

To many Australians, the "Top End", as the Northern

Territory is known, is seen as frontier country — hard drinking, maverick, macho. A Melbourne-based cartoonist, Michael Leunig, recently sati-rised Nitschke's death machine with a computer screen asking: "Ya fair dinkum — ya wanna go the whole hog? Press YES or NO. Fair dinkum, dead set, one hundred per cant no worries? Press YES or NO. Listen mate, do you want to have a beer and think about it tomorrow?" The Territory is the last place in Australia where such radical reform would have

the Terminally III Act and introduced it as a private member's bill. Then, on the eve of the crucial conscience vote, he

been expected. Since self-government in 1978, every

election has been won by the conservative Country-Liberal Party, dominated for the last retire. decade by the charismatic and enigmatic chief minister, Marshall Perron. Elections have been presi-dential affairs: Perron versus Labour. Suddenly and guite deliberately, after 21 years during which he never voiced any concern for the rights of the terminally ill, Perron made legalised suicide his political swan song and mem-orial. He drafted The Rights of

announced his intention to "He basically asked us to give it to him as a parting gift," remarked one MP. "Well, there aren't too many ways for a Territory politician to write himself into the international history books." Now officially retired and thikering with his beloved hot-rod cars, Perron is still the driving force behind the scenes. But why did he do it? "That is the question I am al-ways asked, and the answer is a bland one which doesn't satisfy people," he says. "The truth is I have always felt that

was still a tiny colony, became the first place in the world to give women the vote and the right to run for parliament. He believes that in 100 years a person who is suffering and

euthanasia will be seen as logical and necessary, just like women's suffrage. And the Northern Territory will have been in the vanguard. Before Perron Introduced his bill, Philip Nitschke was

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cer and had both breast removed. Now the disease has spread to her lymph nodes. Chemotherapy left her vomit-ing and unable to live indeneer death ought to have the right and ability to end their pendently, so she stopped tak-He also balieves in the power of small jurisdictions to do radical things. He points to the example of South Austra-lia, which in the 1890s, when it ing the treatment, and keeps her pain killers to a minimum so she doesn't have to rely too much on others for help. Her reason for wishing to

they see as a basic human right and those who shudder at the implications. Human suffering has no calculus. Pain die, she said, was "that I will not live in fear . . . I think the fear that I suffer is just as severe as the physical pain. I'm by no means in more pain than I've ever seen people survive under, but it's pain that I'm not willing to accept.

Traised my three children to be as independent as poss-ible. That was my aim as a

mother ... I felt that I had got

Between the Rock and a hard place



Martin Kettle

HE Romans thought it was the gateway to hell. George I regarded it as an expensive symbol, and his chief minister Stanhope tried hard to give it back to Spain in return for a trade composed and the second and the seco As a result, Britain stayed. That is why to this day we are the only nation with a colonial Busiession on the continent of Europe. Gibraltar. Most British people rarely

give a moment's thought to Gibraltar. It was in the news for a change this week because its incompetent government was turned out in a general election. But it is rare for Gi braltar to swim into our ken more than once or twice in a decade. Most of the time Gibraltar is a forgotten place. But not, however, by the Foreign Office. A couple of months ago, the British government launched its white paper on Europe, setting out the negotiating position for the current inter-governmental

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conference. On the morning of the white paper's release. I had a briefing from a minister. Normally one might put up Before we started on the bigger ssues he pointed to the cover of the white paper, with its multi-colour map of the nations of Europe. "I hope you will note our care in ensuring the presence of the red dot which marks Gibraltar," be said. "We attach great impor-tance to that." Was he jesting? It was hard to be sure.

That exchange sowed a ques-tion in my mind. Does anybody in this country actually attach any real importance to Gibral-tar? I have to say I very much doubt it. Gibraltar is a small, costly, and by all accounts not very prepossessing colony of only 30,000 people. These days only 30,000 people. I have tays it is a garrison town without much of a garrison. Ten years ago we still had upwards of 2,000 military personnel on the Rock. Today we have 700. Any strategic interest which this country once had in Gibraltar country once had in Gibraltar has now disappeared. And in a small way, Gibral-

tar is now an active disadvan-tage to this country's interests rather than an asset. It rather than an asset. It remains a source of friction with Spain, both because our continuing possession of Gibraltar is resented and because the defeated Gibraltarian government has allowed the Rock to become a base for the illegal drugs and migrant traffic from North Africa inin Spain. Gibraltar's new government promises a

more conciliatory approach to Madrid. Even so, in its irritating way, Gibraltar is a deter-

with that and allow slo dogs to lie. Certainly when General Franco ruled Spain the thought of negotiating about the return of Gibraltar was impossible. Today, how-ever, things have changed. Spain has had 20 years of stable constitutional government. It is a firm ally and a fellow member of the European Union. For them as for us, Gibraltar is a side issue, but it is an irritation nonetheless. But the sleeping dog is stir-ring. This country actively wants something from Spain. We want a new European fish-

ing agreement which will protect our domestic industry from the depradations of the ercessively large Spanish fish-ing fleet. There is a national and an ecological interest in that, and there is a Tory interest too, since John Major is desperate to hang on to several fishing-based seats in the worth west

Major is a deal maker rather than an ideological politician. Europe is a perfect place for deal makers, and Major is said by some to have secured his famous single currency and social chapter opt-outs at Maastricht only in return for an agreement to support Ger many over the recognition of Croatia. A man who made a pact like that would certainly be a man who could trade the Rock for fish. If I was Major I would try to

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protected Britain's fishing industry, solved a lingering post-imperial question, shown he was a Tory moderniser, proved himself a practical European, and saved a handy amount of public expenditure. Against that, he would have to make arrangements for the resettlement of Gibraltarians who chose not to remain and he would be denounced by his party for abendoning a symbo of imperial greatness and for setting a precedent. All of which helps to explain why Major will not follow my ad-Tony Blair, on the other hand, has less excuse. His

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post-imperial delusions. He needs to show himself a practical European. He has a power-ful incentive to redefine British interests in a modern congert. And he has a need, as this week's domestic party ar-guments have illustrated only too clearly, for long-term public expenditure savings which can be reinvested in public services. Nor should Blair be straid of

the precedent factor. The inev-itable argument about withdrawal from Giltraltar could be turned to positive advantage. It would show that Britain is serious about grabbing the . remaining post-imperial netties and facing up maturely to its position as a European

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more constructive approach to a settlement with Argantina over the Falklands, then so much the better. A New Labour government worthy of the name should be proud to solve these problems, not fear-ful of the Thatcherite rantings which would accompany such initiatives. No one is pretending that

Gibraltar is either a big issue or even, at this stage, a particu-larly pressing one. On the colo-nial agenda, it is dwarfed by the far more pressing question of Hong Kong. Likewise the Faiklands remains a more difficult problem than anything to do with the Rock. Compared with the single currency, Gibraltar is not even a dot on

the European map. Yet fhese things are very resonant. Labour's approach to Ghraltar and the Falklands will be indicative not just of its approach to international rela-tions, but also of its readiness to counteract the jingoistic post-imperial culture in which this country is still entrapped. The past 20 years have in some respects marked a reversion towards that culture, marked by the Falklands war, the rise of Euroscepticism and the spread of the xenophobic

tabloid press. It is genuinely unclear how New Labour would handle a crisis in this area. All Blair's own personal instincts are undoubtedly modern, interna-tional and anti-jingo. But that doesn't mean be would pick a fight or necessarily stand firm against tabloids waving the Union Jack. Polifically, issues like Gibraliar and the Falk-lands are landmines waiting for crises to set them off. Who would have thought Britain. would have fought a war over the Falklands? Who can say that there will never be a crisis over Gibraltar? It is far better to deal with such questions preemptively. Mines are better

Embra effen bees oan aboot? America is braced for Trainspotting. Even TOM SHIELDS, a Glaswegian,

needs a glossary to keep up

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cohol consumption can lead to a florid complexion). The Tims will be pleased to see that Sati Francisco's glos-sary has got it right about the Huns -- "Glasgow Rangers soccer team with rabid support among Protes tants, aka 'animals'." The glossary will come in handy if the Yanks come over to the festival and decide to see the Trainspot-ting side of Edinburgh. They might even check out the boggin' bog in the bookies (the filthy lavatory in the bevyy gies ye a coupon like a betting office) that feature well-skelpt erse (years of albetting office) that features

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cannot be measured. All that can be safely said is that some people are determined to put an end to it. For them, Darwin has become the focus of their dreams. Margaret Simons is a novelist living near Sydney They might get a cairryoot and go for a swally doon The Meadows, wi'a poke o chips wi' salt an sauce in case comps wit sait an sait of in case they get Lee Marvin. There are many other authentic Scottish voices now being heard — prize-winners James Kelman (Booker) and Jeff Torring-ton (Whithread). Then there was Mel Gibcon with years

was Mel Gibson with very nearly a Glasgow accent leading the Scottish nation towards treedom.

But the real Scottish voice is one that is already fam-iliar the world over. Yesh, it'sh Sean Connery, actor and president-elect of the first Scottish republic. Sean, of course, is an Edinburgh boy just like Irvine Welsh

What a team they would make if Welsh was hired to write a Bond script: "Gies a voddy, shaken no shtirred. An get yer kecks aff, Mish Moneypenny, ah'm gantin' for it."

HOW TO SPAKE RIT: Embra: Edinburgh.

Hampden: rhyming slang, Hampden roar — score. Weedgee: Edinburgh speak for Glaswegian. Conpon: face. Plooks: facial eruptions. Loupin': aching. Tim: Catholic. Cairry-oot alcohol to go, as they say in San Francisco. A swally: al fresco drinking The Meadows: Edinburgh park. Poke: chip bag. Salt an sance: condiments of-fered in chip shops. Lee Marvin: rhyming slang for starvin'. Hungry.Glaswe-gians tend to use Hank Mar-

vin, the Shadow. Voddy: vodka. Guntin' for it: sernally all afintter.

Tom Shields in the disrist of The Heraid, Glasgow.

mysterious to a Glaswegian as they would be to a San Franciscan. Radge, pagger, and hireys mean respectively, according to the glossary, a controversial charac-ter, a fight, and money. These words would be met in the west of Scotland with a

blank stare and the question "Whit's the Hampden?" Weish, renowned for his forthright debating style, might ask what else can be expected of a scap-dodgin' Weedgee. But there is more that unites than divides east and west. We can both understand, for instance, that years o' tannin' the



IMON Price (Letters, May 15) challenged our criticisms of EMU with a funny old analy sis and an either/or choice. Maastricht's 3 per cent bor-rowing limit "wasn't plucked out of a hat", he said. Unfortunately, lots of economists have already shown that that is almost certainly how it was formulated.

Our point was simple: you would need to cut £18 billion from today's spending to meet this PSBR limit. You could say goodbye to the whole educa-tion system (including universities) for that. For 25 years Britain's growth rate has averaged 1.9 per cent. Even if we found the heaven of his "pleas-ant 2.5 per cent", would it still be pleasant without a job, a home or a pension? Alan Simpson MP. Colin Hines. c/o House of Commons, London SWIA 0AA.

DROFESSOR Price's support for Maastricht's mon-etarist mathematics flies in the face of reality. Annual eco nomic growth in France and Germany, the two pillars of a single currency, is well below 2.5 per cent, prompting their centre-right governments to make savage spending cuts, further weakening demand and employment. Even our own Conservative govern-ment, not known for its fiscal largesse, required public bor-rowing last year well in excess of the Manstricht deficil tareet. What hope then for even a moderate centre-left government in Britain to sustain vital public services, unless Euorpe's strategy for achieving a single currency is fundamentally recast?

The tools are at hand, however. A European Speculation Tax should now be introduced

School days spent behind bars

WE were dismayed to read your article on the Department for Education report (May 15) on security in schools. It seems to us a dangerous exercise in futility; not east because life for children and teachers is not as risky as we are being led to believe.

Even though the Govern-ment has figures that show lewer and fewer childhood deaths, and threats to children showing no sign of rising, it is happy to feed the growing inecurity parents feel for their children's safety.

The report is a response to

to ensure that for every franc or pound cut in welfare spend-ing en route to EMU, an equivalent or greater amount is raised from the financial mar kets, whose irresponsibility is one of the main reasons why we need a single currency. Nick Robins. 77 Salcott Road London SW116DF.

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O surrender one's control over monetary policy to a entral European bank might be acceptable if it were not transparently obvious that such a bank would persist with the orthodox monetary policies which are driving Germany and France deeper into recession, with rising un employment. Given that these policies will reduce the tax take, increase the demand for weifare spending and thereby at least partially exacerbate-their problems, Euroscepti-cism seems eminently justifiable. Why must we assume that the interests of bankers are those of the rest of us? **Bankers and politicians** have access to the best economists that money can buy; it is therefore clear that orthodox economists do not know how our economies work. Until they do, a common European currency would be a danger-ous leap in the dark. TW Parsons 48 Denton Road Twickenham, Middx TW1 2HQ.

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world and practise indepen-dence. We are in danger of caging the next generation for

no good reason. Already 70 per cant of child-

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Barnados published a report abowing that parental fears

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tracted hours, my staff review 'men". will be adversely affected. (I Andrew Sampels am paid to work until 3pm so that I can pick the children up 17 Archibald Road, London N70AN. from school at 3.30pm.) I am one of the very few working

THINK Neil Lyndon's argumothers at managerial grade in my organisation. Most of ment that ours is not a patri archal society (based on the the others are male, and none definition of "a society run by men for the benefit of men") does indeed hold water. of them has my childcare com-

So having to read Neil Lyn-don's same old bile again is It is true that certain inequalities inflicted on woman getting me down. I have searched in vain for any signs get greater sitention from leg-islation and the media, and

tect and provide for women. However, in doing this it has paid attention not to the voice of women but to the demands of feminists. The greatest puzzle is that the matriarchywith its concern for the needs of children, the work of women and hence the duty of men -has been silenced. In appeasing feminists, the voice of women has been ignored — to the great sadness of a whole generation of children, partio-ularly boys. And while it's all very well cknowledging mistakes and

papers; maybe it was Lyndon' piece that pushed Eve Arnold out into the mainstream? Stephen McKay. 36 Erskine Street, Aberdeen AB2 3NQ. calling for reconciliation and

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A collision occurs at St Pancras: please expect long delays.

WOULD like to put forward an alternative view on the British Library's St Pancras building (Chunnel poses latest threat to British Library, May It is a magnificant building which will bring together the immense riches of the BL, currently spread over 16 sites. OK, so it's going to be smaller than we once hoped. OK, so muddled project man-agement, stop-go financial commitment and technical and constructional difficulties have delayed completion and neressed costs.

But the advance of technol-ogy will reduce the seating problem (12 per cent up on present scattered provision).

which cuts have been easier to make. It is hardly surprising that in these circumstances morale is low. But as a regular reader of 35 years' standing. I see no evidence whatever of a decline in the quality of staff but rather the reverse. The very few appointments made at curatorial level in recent vears show that the Library as been most fortunate in the calibre of the staff it has (Dr) Colin Tite,

Flat 7, 53 Chiltern Street, London W1M 1HS.

OW is it that intelligent people can make bad deci-sions and fail to make correc-

triarchy has been successful in the paper featured a letter fulfilling its main duty: to pro-

tion of Eve Arnold as "one of the world's greatest women photographers". The corre-spondent goes on to express relief that it is perhaps "some small measure of progress tha the article did not appear on the Women's page". I know space is at a premium in news

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The Guardian Saturday May 18 1996

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headteacher, outside his school, not a national increin danger to children and their teachers. Nor should unique events like Dunblane, no matter how tragic, form the basis for national policy.

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ever, a great many of the inequalities suffered by wor "working mother" status as evidence of feminism gone hardly get noticed at all. For example, these attitudes are awry, I have to work to support common: a woman who goes my family. I might consider myself a feminist, but like out alone after dark or wears a short skirt deserves any mis-fortune that may befall her; or many men, I imagine, if I could get away from the grindstone, I would. a young woman who asks a colleague to do something is bossy; a woman who doe Name and addresss give her opinion is a bimbo; a female mountaineer who dies

Rell LYNDON has once again confused pockets of male vulnerability that certuring a climb and leaves young children behind is irre ponsible while a male equiva tainty exist in law, the family ent is a sad loss to the and at work, with the overall picture. Generally speaking, in terms of power and influence, It is the fact that these views are often held subconsciously (by both sexes) that makes men are favoured in society hem so difficult to challenge today. I don't like the race for pole position in a victim Grand Prix, Lyndon's polarising of Happily, Mr Lyndon and I draw the same conclusion: the complex debates serves only to only way the so-called "sex war" will ever be brought to an obscure the very potentials in men that he wants to see flower end is if men and women are - men playing a creative and nurturing role in relation to judged and treated equally as parents, workers or whatever children, women, each other and the wider world. they choose to be. Andrea Nove. London N8. Celebrating male nurturing must not be allowed to censor the institutional and personal

WOULD like to offer my sup-part to Neil Lyndon. The paaspects of male behaviour that

/OUR articles on Wednes last vestices of civilised life. day (Kids, G2, May 15) The fact is, our own generaabout the lives of 1990s childtions also took drugs, had sex under age and got pregnant, was violent, committed ren made interesting reading. They were topical but yet again they pandered to the prevailing climate of parental crimes, failed in school, and everything else that young fear that is so fashionable at people do today. The only difference is that our parents let us do it. But then, they weren't terrified of the future the way In truth, it is time that as a nation we came clean. Parents of all ages would like to pre-tend it is otherwise, but the adults are today. And they didn't feel so powerless about bitter truth is simple. We are at war with our children: me their lives that they had to victimise the voiceless in a have made our own children Public Enemy Number One. They take drugs of all kinds national moral orgy. It's time we stop hating our children before they start hating us. J Steranka 150 Town Road, never done such a thing. They London N9 ORR.

N HER fascinating report on the Guardian/ICM survey of were shining examples of houesty, virtue and respect. They fail consistently at school — but of course schools of the what concerns young people, Linda Grant says (Cares of the world, May 15); "Almost half 1960s and 1970s produced ar-mies of highly educated, terribelieve that children who are brought up with only one of their natural parents are more unhappy. Yet, despite the wealth of counselling availwho have since succeeded in putting the British economy just where it is. able for couples, there is virtu-ally nothing for children." The national debate about children's lives and children's While it is wrong to assume futures is riddled with hypoc-risy. Politicians and profesthat one-parent families are automatically more unhappy than two-parent ones, it is cerload their guilt, failures and tainly true that children, as well as their parents, need portraying them as depraced help when a marriage is violent, chastly individuals under stress or breaks up. hooked into a crude street cul-Sometimes, in their own pain.

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enjoyed for the last 30 years -effective contraception allowtect men from sexism. Howing men to be infertile until they choose to be fertile. The affect of this will be to make the birth rate plummet — unless and until the patriarchy and the matriarchy get their acts together again and pro-

vide structures, laws and a cul-ture which takes proper care of our children. Norman Butler. 11 Maple Way, Bedford MK48 0DW.

WAS the publishing of Neil Lyndon's insensitive rant a ruse by Guardian Women to discredit the post feminist gender-liberation movement in its entirety? A case of "let him dig his own grave, and hope the rest of them fall in too"? The notice em fall in too"? The notion that our culture makes men happier than it does women is long past its sell-by date. But comments like "the lie that women are in physical danger of attack from men" are simply unfit for human consumption. But perhaps Lyndon's article did serve one useful

purpose. The same edition of

Adult neurosis that makes enemies of our children

Chief Executive, ChildLine Studd Street London N1 0QW.

olds suggests that adult journalists can think of nothing to talk to teenagers about except drugs, sex and deprav-ity. Why weren't they asked whether they had ever talked to their friends about things that *really* matter, or worried about the future of the planet or felt protective about children younger than them-selves, or worked for a good cause, or a thousand other pos itive questions? That would have revealed a very different picture of adolescence. David Gribble. Libertarian Education 170 Wells Road Bristol BS4 2AG

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Patriarchy is often used to explain why men rule the roos of corporate power elites. Yet MORI and ISSP data shows that more than 50 per cent of all non-working women "intend never to work again", that 50-75 per cent of working romen are "working for money, not a long-term career", and that 66 per cent agree that being a housewife is just as fulfilling as working for pay. In fact, only 14 per cent of working women regard their work in the context of "having a career". So inside the majority of

women is not Ms Autonomou striving to escape the con-straints of "male power", but Ms Otherhalf striving for a loving, partnership with Mr Otherhalf, and wanting respect from "career-women" for the choices and values of the "home-centred" woman, It is the timeless appeal of malefemale inter-dependence in the economics of family life which the feminist-left finds difficult to square with the circle of a class-conflict model.

The X file

WARNER Home Video has suspended indefinitely the release of Natural Born **Killers** (Release of Killers video halted, May 17). In the same week Dustin Hoffmar has pondered on a link between film and violence, the British Board of Film Classification has refused to grant the new Doctor Who a 15 certificate, and the BBC has promised to toughen up on "de-cency". What heroic deeds are next for our band of valiant moral guardians? Hoffman should know the dangers in-herent in censorship: the rape Dogs, was put in a new, more disturbing context by cuts. Bans from above create cults. They do not address any social issues. In Australia, the edy was to ban semi-automati machine guns. In Britain we ban a video.____ Alexander Bacon 15 Seymour Street, Cambridge CB1 3DH.

ABARON (Letters. May 4) claims we are "in the forefront of the movement to deny fascists their democratic rights". We have never done so: open discussion and free exchange of views best pro-mote a healthy society. William Hetherington. Housemans Bookshop, 5 Caledonian Road, London NI 9DX



scene in one of his films, Straw esponse to the Tasmania trag

nal's occupation of the land for a possible extension may turn out to be an opportunity rather than a threat. At least it can't be sold off yet. Ross Shimmon Chief Executive, The Library Association, 7 Ridgmount Street, London WC1E 7AE. IN YOUR report you quote the

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bead of the "Regular Readers Group" as predicting a future for the Library of "cuts and ore cuts...declining morale and quality of staff, split-site working, and longer waits for books". Fortunately, it is dawning on the public that few of the difficulties associated with the new building have been of the Library's making. Nevertheless, the bad publicity has created a climate in

Land of hope, if not the glory

WHILST George Monbiot's property speculators, allowed to do so by unscrupulous local to do so by unscrupulous local Wandsworth wasteland "for authorities and general apa-thy. Defending allotments the people" are probably harmless (as well as tempomay not have the glamour of a rary). it is a shame that he "land occupation", but unlike doesn't employ his PR skills in a Guinness-owned bombsite. protecting from attack land this land really is ours - for "for the people" that is al-ready ours. Allotments, once now. Chris Natural. the pride of the working The Natural Press, classes, have offered land ac-6 Tilbury Place, cess to all for over a century. but are fast disappearing to Brighton Sussex BN2 2GY.

A Country Diary

MACHYNLLETH: I do hope you have all got your sea-legs because you are going to need them in a fortnight's time for the annual cruise to inspect the sea-birds of Pem-brokeshire. On Sunday, June , at 11.30am, by arrangement with the Dyfed Wildlife Trust, the pleasure steamer, Balmoral, will be setting out rom Milford Haven and heading for the open sea and for those much cherished islands which a thousand years ago, were given their Viking names — Skokholm, Skomer, Grassholm and Ram-sey. There are great expectations of seeing crowds of gan-nets, razorbills, guillemots, puffins, fulmars, Manx shear waters, kittiwakes and who knows what else? Whatever of interest turns up in this most wildlife-rich corner of Wales, you can bet it will be spotted by the Trust's eagleeyed team of commentators. As the stalwart vessel sails out of the haven she will keep well clear of those rocks under St Anns Head where so

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the British Library and the Channel Tunnel high-speed rail link makes the point. I make the following suggestion: Call it the high-speed link to the UK, and the route from Folkestone-Ashford should then link via the Dartford bridge to the Leeds-Bradford conurbation, on to Newcastle, Edinburgh and Glasgow, completing the circuit to Manchester, Birmingham, Bristol and back to Ashford and the tunn We already have Eurostar

into Waterloo International. plus alternatives from Ashford International (sic) for south-ern approaches to London. Over 80 per cent of the UK population is outside London; let's put that fact into perspective. John WS Preston. 10 Manor Way, South Croydon, Surrey CR27BQ

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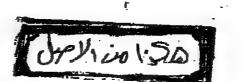
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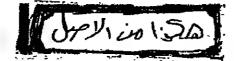
............................. recently the tanker Sea Empress ran aground and caused an environmental disaster through oil pollution. No doubt the Trust's experts will point out the fateful spot and also give the latest information about the effects of the oil-spill. On this Wildlife Cruise — which gets back to port at 5pm — you will be sharing in a special occasion, because it will be one of many World Ocean Day events taking place in this and other countries. But suppose you are not free to go on this desirable safari? Even so you may still care to support the Trust in its work of moni-toring the local wildlife in the wake of the Sea Empress disaster. Your donation will be enormously appreciated. For tickets for the cruise, or other information, contact Dyfed Wildlife Trust on 01437-765462 or write to the Trust at 7 Market Street. Haverfordwest, Pembroke-

shire SAGI INF. Tickets cost £17.95 adults, £10 children WILLIAM CONDRY



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whom we counselled for the first time in 1994-5, 1,485 (two per cent) called to tell us about their distress and anxieties because their parents were splitting up. Some children prefer the anonymity of a tele-phone call to ChildLine when they want help, because the feel in control of the counse ling process --- they need not say who they are or where they are calling from. Valerie Howarth Royal Mail Building, /OUR poll of 11- to 15-year-



The Guardian Saturday May 18 1996 INTERVIEW Daryl gets her act together

Daryl Hannah is back in a role miles from her old image. Why is she playing a junkie porno prostitute?



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CHINDLEGY .

........ ARYL Hannah's PR meets us in

the uncommunicative foyer of the Noga Hilton Cannes. There are five of us altogether, two British hacks (me and a free lance) an Australian, an Ital-ian and a Belgian, handpicked for half an hour with Hannah. Five is as close as you get to

an exclusive in Cannes - the typical interview involves 10 hacks and 20 minutes. "Now, just a quick word about your questions," the PR says brightly, bafore the lift door closes and we embark on phase one of our voyage to Daryl's botel suite: "Obviously, you can't ask her any thing about her personal." This is bad news. With the best will in the world, even the PR can't remember Daryl's last film. When was it, five, six years ago? What was it called? It is now 14 years years since she inflamed interest in Blade Runner. Then she made a splash as a mermaid in Splash but that was in 1984. Even Steel Magnolias, in which she played a frumpy hairdresser, was seven years ago. She bas done little since. Not, of course, unless you count her well publicised romance with John F Kenne-

dy Junior — "America's sexiest man' It was a romance which

gripped America. A passar-by once videoed them klasing on their doorstep for 16 minutes (naturally it was relayed at length on national television the next day.) And they always seemed to be outside; rollerblading through Central Park, jumping the surf on no personal questions? Oh dear. Phase one ends at the fourth floor, where we are de-posited in a suite and plied with small bottles of Evian to ease us through a seven-minute promo of Daryl's new movie, in which she plays Margaret, a porn actress and grizzled prostitute addicted to heroin. It's called Frankie The Fly.

Oddly, we don't see much o Daryl, Just a shot of her storky legs climbing out of a truck and later, a clip of her in limousine being forcibly inected. There is not much dialogue either. At one point Kiefer Sutherland shouts: "You farmer care in You farmer Daryl replies: "You farmer c***!" The PR was sorry that we couldn't see the whole film. It's not yet finished.

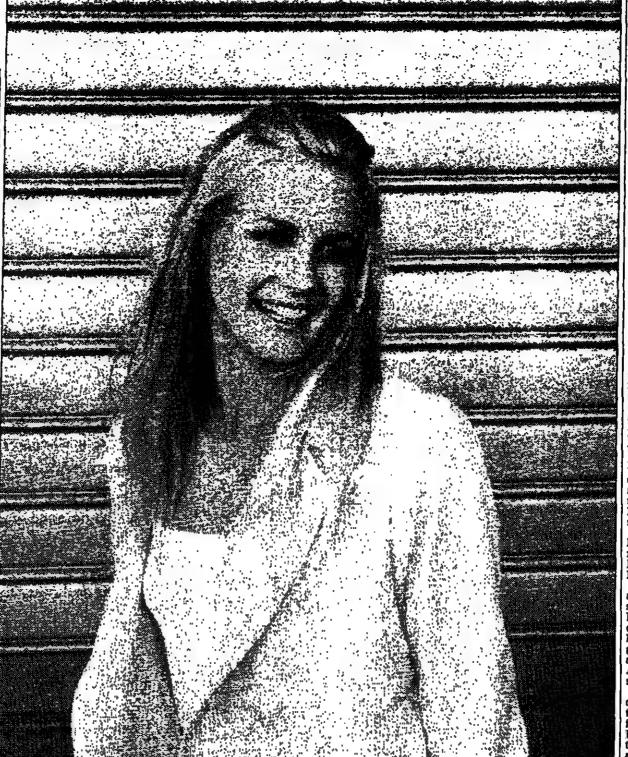
The promo is on a continu-ous loop and plays five times before we embark on phase two which takes us, via two more lifts, to the door of Daryl's suite. Knock knock, "Hi, hi, come on in you guys," says one of three identical assistants. And there is Daryl sit-ting at the table of suite 601,

busy blowing bubbles. Unlike the girl from Ipanema she is tall but not tanned. in fact she is so pale as to be almost translucent. Her long hair is bleached white, her make-up and lips ghostly, her toenails and fingernails painted white. She looks as if she has tried to Tipp-Ex her-self out. In the middle of the table is a cake-stand with a lipsmacking selection of petite-fours, obviously un-touched. Out come five tape recorders, on go five record buttons. "Hey keep it down everybody," whines Daryl as her entourage dare to talk nong themselve

The Australian speaks first: Where have you been and why haven't we seen you?

"I was taking a break because my father passed away. Then I had a life change and moved to New York and there was a lot of personal drama and trauma I needed to attend to. So I just, well that was important. So now I'm just dving to work non-stop.

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et cynical. You know, pessi mistic about scripts, about how things turn out, the pro cess is so collaborative you never know how things are going to look.

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She goes on to complain that 80 if not 90 per cent of the films she has made have turned out to be disappointing. This is a genuine com-plaint, she is not fishing for compliments. Apparently she was so fed up after making The Pope Of Greenwich Vil-lage with Mickey Rourke, she didn't even bother to see the finished version. In spite of her girlish voice, she sud denly sounds rather old and eary for her age.

Next she informs us that he has been producing, writing and directing her own short movies, after studying film at New York University She applied aged 33, terrified she would find herself in a class full of wannabe Spike Lees and Martin

she turned out to be the most dedicated student of all. But how did her ellow students cope, sitting alongide a Hollywood star? "Oh, after the first week I was just another kid in class." What about security? She laughs for the first time. "Oh, I don't need secu-

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rity, that's all a state of mind. I think if you go into places with a low-key attitude, everybody treats you with espect." Despite her abnormally good looks and fame. Daryl Hannah is beginning to sound worryingly normal. "Making your own film is like painting a painting or making a pot with your bare hands," she says, suddenly looking enthusiastic. "It's really palpable, the sense of satisfaction. Acting is so much out of your own hands, there's no sense of completion. You never know how it went. Did I suck? Was I good? I love acting, but as an ctress, I'm really insecure.

As a director I'm sure of my-self. I didn't anticipate that." She looks so pleased by this discovery it becomes infec-tious and I find I'm pleased for her too. So tell us about Frankie The Fly, stammers the Italian. And so she tells us about her new, grisly role as the prostitute playing oppo-site Dennis Hopper. Given

quickly. "It's very grim. There's a point where I'm so ugly. I'm messed up, I'm drinking, I can't even tell you what words come out of my mouth! I'm from mother framatic."

Is this the first time you've played a hooker, demands the Belgian? Daryl nods. "I've al-ways had a problem with trying to romanticise that world of drugs, porn and prostitu-tion. Nothing but bad things can come out of such dishone What did she think of

Pretty Woman, with Julia Roberts as the hooker who hooks Richard Gere? "Thave a big problem with that. There is something irresponsible about it. You know, young girls think: 'Oh yes, I'll just book for a while before college and maybe I'll meet the man of my dreams'. I have slways had a bad feeling with

'l've always had a problem with trying to romanticise drugs, pom and prostitution. Nothing but bad things can come out of such dishonesty'

> the way Hollywood portrays it." Heavens, now she's even sounding sensible. So why are there are so many hookers in American films? She studies her Evian. "The business is a male-dominated industry and the men who run the business, well maybe these are the most complex females they have ever come across. don't know. Or maybe they're the only ones they see. "Pornography....It's such a weird thing, I don't under-stand it. It's only for men, women aren't so interested they're interested in some thing else, something that's

not available We do not pursue this un-availability because there is a ap at the door and two uniformed men appear, steering white-draped trolleys. One bears several more bottles of Evian and a bright green salad, the other a plate with one sliced egg and some strawberries

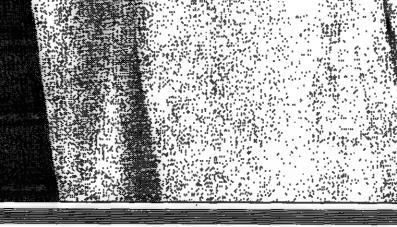
'Daryl has to eat now," proclaims her PR, and Daryl, to ber credit, looks rather embarrassed. We prepare to troop out, when she grants us one final question. In comes the Italian: Have ber recent troubles made her stronger? "No," she says emphati-cally. "No. I think life is a continual process of crisis. Everyone we know and love is going to die. We are going to die. *Horrible* things con-stantly happen and you just have to live through it. It doesn't make you stronger. Not me. I wish. "We note it down quickly and leave ber to

his flat and moved into hers. She met mom on the lawns of Cape Cod.

There was the constant chatter about marriage fuelled by the news that John-John had demanded Daryl give up her public career. She red to have obeyed. And then they split. He was seen with other even taller blondes. She was rumoured to have found solace in the

arms of her old flame, the rock singer Jackson Browne Hannah ... back from goesip She was even thought to be comfort-eating. All this and pages to screen smon wilkingon

speaks in a strangely childish voice. Was she disappointed to have taken a break? "It was a choice I made. I needed to attend to personal matters, family and relationships. Now I'm re-energised and en-thusiastic." The problem is she looks anything but. So you're back in a different mood then, asks the freelance helpfully. Daryl looks distinctly depressed. "I don't know, after a while you can



the part two weeks before shooting, she went on a vi-clous diet. "No dairy and no bread,

which was very hard because I live on candy and cheese. I'm a vegetarian but I hate vegetables! And I exercised every day, which I also hate for its own sake, though I do like to snowboard, horseback ride and scuba dive."

But she does not want us to think she looks good in Frankie. That is definitely not the point. "It's not a Disney ver-sion of prostitution," she says her hard-boiled egg.

JOHN CUNNINGHAM meets Anthony Julius, the author surprised to find his book has provoked the lit crits to another savaging of TS Eliot. Should anti-Semitism disbar the poet from greatness or is it just a sign of his times?

Di's lawyer puts Eliot back in the dock

OU couldn't call any of the literary critics who've decided it's high time TS Eliot got real duffing up for his ant Semitism a boot-boy. But the footwear does define the method of attack: scuffed suedes for James Fenton, Prolessor of Poetry at Oxford; steel toe-capped brogues for Ulster poet and writer Tom Paulin, and highly-polished Oxfords for the double-breasted Anthony Julius, who started the rumpus.

How come Eliot is suddenly in the centre of a literary affray? For decades, admirers have genuflected at his shrine, and done a soft-slipper shuffle past the small number of grotesque references to Jews in the poems and essays: the cult-candles they lit banished the shadows from the dark side of his work.

Then last autumn, there appeared a monograph by an unknown author that seemed destined to remain in the thicket of academe, so forensically did it look at the anti-Jewish element in Eliot's work. The volume slipped on and off the lit. eds' shelves with hardly a review paragraph in print. This week, however, it has

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become the talk of Manhattan,

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| thanks to the American way of investing even obscure tomes with pizazz. The high-minded New York Review of Books kicked off a seven page piece by revealing that the book's author, Anthony Julius, is the Princess of Wales's lawyer. It went on to suggest that, in the unlikely event of a dispute over the meaning of The Waste Land becoming an issue in the divorce of HRH from HRH, Diana will have the advantage. The ripple of controversy has also reached Oxford.

where James Fenton gave a lecture last week in which be championed Julius's book to an audience including Sir Isaiah Berlin, novelist Ian McEwan, poet Craig Raine and Julius himself. Fenton posed the question which has niggled away since 1920 when Eliot penned the words in his poem Gerontion:

"My house is a decayed house,/And the Jew squats on the window-sill, the owner". Given that Julius, in his thesis, says that any anti-Sem-

ite is a scoundral, and given that Eliot was anti-Semitic. Fenton asked: "What is it that holds us back from saying that Eliot was a scoundrel." Julius himself is reluctant to complete the syllogism in his book. So why, I ask him in the certainly the authoritarian,

Holborn offices of Mischon De Reya, where he is senior litigapermicious prejudice of France, why doesn't he call for the expunging of the offending tion partner, does he hold back: "In my case it's not a fear of reverence; it's just a fear of closures. Once you conclude [that Eliot was a baddie] you shut the book. What I want to do is to keep it open, but in good faith, avoiding complicity with the prejudice." It comes as a bit of a surprise that Julius, who is Jewish, doesn't want to condemn unreservedly Eliot's unchecked public obscenities. He's been booked on the poet since his early teens; the book, written between the demands of a growing family and an expanding legal prac-tice, is a labour of love. Oxford's Professor of Poetry,

He won't have any truck with the biographical approach — he says he refuses to look for nasty experiences that Eliot might have had with Jewish landlords or lovers to explain this aspect of the work. Instead, Julius's argument is based solely on the texts, peel ing off the layers of allusion and reference to show, as he puts it, that Eliot's was the rarst kind of racial prejudice: "One who was able to place his anti-Semitism at the service of his art.'

And he argues that poems such as Sweeney among the Nightingales, Burbank, Dirge (which Bliot withdrew) and The Waste Land "show the literary fitness of anti-Semi-tism." The way Eliot refettle

and refurbishes the cliches of prejudice into high art both fascinates and appals him, he ays, ''I think some people would have liked me to be more ap-palled, and some more imressed," he says, aware that two camps have formed --- or reformed — over the issue. But, given the care and skill

he deploys in showing that El-

iot's anti-Semitism was not so much the un-reflective English brand but a blend that tion in the anti-Semitic

poems from all future editions? beginning of a long process of revisionist criticism which "One censures rather than consors," says Julius, He is being ultra-English in his fairness to Eliot, while being pained at having to reveal the extent of the racial rottenness. Others are more direct. "Undesirable" --- bold as the stamp on a rejected im-migrant's passport — is the headline on Tom Paulin's long piece on Eliot in the London Review of Books. This, together with the dis-No conspiracy of silence by the media. Just, says James Fenton, that "Literary editors tinction of that lecture by

should diminish the overwhelming, the stifling cultural authority which Eliot's oeuvre has acquired." You can see Paulin's toecaps glinting as he anticipates the process getting underway. But some literary currents are silted and sluggish. The fact that the Julius book made littie impact here for nearly ight months shows this.

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it's nothing to get into a great sweat about. While I'm not ems: "There is a malignity in it which is terrifying. It's so firm and so quiet..." he writes. And he forecasts "the underestimating anti-Semitism, it has been part of western civilisation and will last as long as western civilisation lasts. A lot of readers don't think it affects his poetry."

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Hoggart's view echoes George Orwell's remark about the prejudice in some early poems: "Who didn't say such things at the time?"

But Eliot's anti-Semitism wasn't of the golf-club prejudice type, warns Fenton. Its roots in the French tradition of authoritarian thought, which focused on the dange of free-thinking Jews, make it more troubling. There was nothing genteel, as

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is sometimes alleged, about it. Anthony Juliua, who has researched the fetid seam of abuse on which Eliot drew to villify Jews from a clever but low literary height would prefer that such calumnies never reappeared. "But," he says "I didn't write it as a kind of exercise in social therapy. It would be wonder ful, of course, it it made it more diffi cult to adopt unreflective forms of anti-Semitism or

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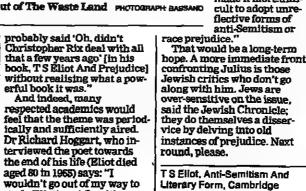
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That is lace that was his nose See upon his back he lies (Bones peep through the ragged toes) With a stare of dull surprise Flood tide and ebb tide Roll him gently side to side Roll him gently side to side See the lips unfold unfold From the teeth, gold in gold Lobsters hourly keep close watch Hark! now I hear them scrutch scrutch scrutch Verses that Eliot, above, left out of The Waste Land PHOTOGRAPH BASSAND

ignals the entry of the Brits into the current skirmish. Combatant Fenton, for instance, says he thinks the worth of some of the poems will be damaged "more than Julius lets on." The dismantling of the shrine may be starting, as the gilt rubs off the anglican, conservative, monarchist persona which Eliot carefully constructed round a fascistic core. Poet Paulin's nose has long noticed the odour of putrefac-

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'Dismal', 'A rough night'. Tim Albery's Macbeth is under attack. MICHAEL BILLINGTON rides to the rescue

Daggers drawn

MONTH ago Tim Albery's Nabucco provoked boos and countercheers at Covent Garden. But there was no such passion at Stratford-on-Avon, where his new Macbeth was received with polite applause. I, however, found it a compellingly intelligent production: one that shows the influence both of German theatre and the ENO of the eighties in its stylised light-

ing, emblematic grouping and inventive use of space. Stewart Laing's design and Mimi Jordan Sherin's lighting set the tone: we see a gradual stripping away of layers of illu-sion as if we are slowly being led towards the barren conse quences of tyranny. At first, it is set on a raked forestage be-fore black ramparts and a rook-adorned skycloth. This yields to the Macbeths' castle: a stark inhospitable place with beige prefab walls and strip lighting. Eventually this opena up to reveal a painted backcloth depicting the ravaged countryside that is the product of Macbeth's bleak absolutism.

Better this than the old-fash ioned Macbeth which Agate ummarised as a mix of "tartan manners, berserk headgear and uncouth whiskerage". But the visual emphasic on the sterility of power is ac-companied by an equally strong stress on the psycholog-ical consequences of childlessness. Roger Allam's finely spoken Macbeth is clearly haunted, in this respect, by the contrast between himself and Banquo. He murderously fondles Fleance, is wickedly mocked in the apparition scene by a succession of child Banquos, all — a brilliant touch — adorned with their father's moustache, and even turns up for the slaughter of Macduff's son as if to destroy what he cannot have.

It is not a new idea: Cleanth Brooks wrote a famous essay listing babe-references in Mac bath and it dominated Adrian Noble's 1986 production. But it

unifies this broken-backed play and motivates Allam's de scent into black tyranny. He starts as a nervous hypocrite, much aided by Sherin's snap lighting: he warmly seizes the Prince of Cumberland by the hand, for instance, only to turn to us in a pinpoint light to announce "that is a step on which I must fall down". Before the murder of Duncan, he giggles with apprehension: only after it is he plagued by the supreme pointlessness of king-killing without an heir.

It is a strong, coherent read-ing. But, if childlessness is the key metaphor, one needs a greater sense of painful mari-tal intimecy with Brid Bren-nan's Lady M. Brennan, roll-ing up her sleeves as she nips off with the bloodstained daggers, is clearly the tough prag-matist to Allam's guilty dreamer; but one never gets a sense of the past history of a fraught marriage as one did when Jonathan Pryce and Sin-ead Cusack played the pair. Albery's visual style and an-alytic brain, however, bind the show together. He doesn't get

everything right: the England scene drags and, though one can see his point that with the elevation of Malcolm one emo tional wreck succeeds another, t makes the end anticlimactic. But he has a great success with the Porter, whom Adrian Schiller plays superbly as a soused doorman, who as a soused doorman, who finally plunges drunkenly into an on-stage pit, but then Al-bery, who directed Wallen-stein, always was good with people called Schiller. Philip Quast's Banquo, Colum Con-vey's Maciuff and Jan Chap-mille I adv Moduff land pell's Lady Macduff lend weight to a production that skilfully anatomises the emotional emptiness of tyranny: one that also confirms that the RSC is gradually moving away from the collective humanism of the Numn years towards a more controversial neo Expressionist aesthetic

At the Royal Shakespeare Theatre (01789 295623).

Life after Father Ted



Descent into tyranny ... Roger Allam plays Macbeth in the RSC's compellingly intelligent production

Reviews	- paul Tes R. Rd
Neviews	There are a supervision
POP	he was hipness personified. Rather daringly, he com-
	menced with Grass Is Green,
The Tony Rich Project	the most depressing song on
Clapham Grand, London	his debut album. But it could have been a love song, given
	the way he caressed lines like
1_ATS - that's what's been	Down on the river, contem-
missing from R&B. Rap-	plating suicide".
pers have their baseball caps, ravers their woolly bobbles,	The show went along quite nicely in this laid-back way for
but rhythm & blues crooners	a while Rich was backed by a
lack the authority bestowed by	team of Southern jazz-funk-
a good hat. Atlanta's Antonio	sters who reproduced his self-
"Tony Rich" Richards is cannily aware of this, and is	played album with an ease that belied their hired hands
never seen without his snappy	
porkpie number. It was proba-	ist even burned metaphorical
bly responsible for getting his	rubber by hitting the fuzzione
first single, Nobody Knows, Into the top 10 this week.	pedal on Billy Goat (the one time the sound straved into
. The hat was a focal point of	the present decade).
his first British gig, too, It, and	
Rich's complementary fifties	got dull. It became clear that Rich, far from being the
style suit, gave the young singer an air of old-time	breathy Romeo of his record.
suaveness after the fashion of	is a studio bod who's proba-
Nat King Cole. His show was	bly happiest behind a mixing
equally out of step with cur-	desk discussing sequencers.
rent trends, though in a seven- ties rather than a fifties way,	And therein lies a problem
unfortunately.	style supper-club funk, one
At the outset, though, his	must ooze it. Otherwise, like
cool-rockin'-daddy persona	Tony Rich's, your gig be-
was beguiling. Singing high and sweet and swaying just	comes all technique and no
enough to show he was awake,	
	is interrupted, half-way
THEATRE	through, by a gratuitous vision
Portia Coughian	of hereventual death. Carr also succumbs at times to a breathy
Royal Court, London	literary lyricism. Where she
Tioyar Cool C Condon	scores is in her scathingly accu-
	rate portrait of small-town
RONY of ironies: Marina	Irish life. Her strength is as an attentive realist. Portia's whor-
I Carr's highly promising Por- tia Coughlan at the Royal	ingaunt, her one-eyed female
Court hails from the Abbey,	friend known as Cyclops and
Dublin, and was sponsored by	her father who sadly says of the
that city's National Maternity	divinely-voiced Gabriel "he
Hospital. You might have ex-	never sang for me" are all beau- tifully caught. It is only when
motherhood: in fact the play	Carr explores the mystic com-
questions not just the sanctity	munion between twins or the
of family but even the very con-	mysterious power of water over
cept of inherent maternal love.	the land-reared Portia that her writing loses its rapt precision.
Carr's aptly named 30-year-	Garry Hynes's stark.simple
mont Valley in the heart of	production, backed by Kandis
rural Ireland; and even if she	Cook's shimmering, translu-
has not, like Shakespeare's	cent sheets, is, however, su-
Portia, been "richly left", she	perbly acted by the Abbey cast. Derbhie Crotty captures
has certainly married money in the shape of a limping	all of Portia's death-wish and
factory-owner. But she is a dis-	unease in her own body. And
traught soul who neglects hus-	there is vintage support from
band, home and children: her	Tom Hickey as her farming
whole life, in fact, is haunted by	father, drinking tea while
the memory of her twin	holding cup and saucer in one hand, from Pauline Flanagan
at 15 and whose silvery voice	as her malevolent grand-
summons ber to a consumma-	mother and from Marion O'D-
tion of their original suicide	wyer as her tight-skirted aunt
pact. As in Pinter's Moonlight,	who memorably says of her
the dead are present in the liv-	winpish husband that he
ing, and the play is largely	wasn't born but "was knitted on a wet Sunday afternoon". It
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home, hearth, lovers and in-	is writing like this that con- firms the arrival of an authen-
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RSC's compellingly intelligent production PHOTO: NEL LIBBERT	ing: and the play is largely about Portia's rejection of home, hearth, lovers and in- bred parents for union with her incestious twin. Carr's narrative structure is clumsy; the story of Portia's life	
	but also the fact that for many	Hump
Good, clean kitsch	people — especially those who write in languages like Finn- ish which English sneakers	ed as i wishe Claric

consolidate his reputation as rogue (and roguish) Tory, the miable, candid chap that Labour supcorters like. True to form (and his diaries), he bad-mouthed Michael Heseltine at every possible opportu-nity, regretted that he hadn't "destabilised" his boss Tom King at the Ministry of Defence, and freely declared that the purpose of politics was selfadvancement. It's an indictment of current political life that one applauds a politician who states the obvious. For fictional vituperation, richly imagined, Radio 3 gave us Brian McAvera's monoogues of four of Picasso's Women. I don't normally anjoy this genre, in which the wives and mistresses of fam-ous dead white artists or writers finally have their say - it's usually predictable domestic sniping, only confirming them in the role of nag — but the first, Picasso's first wife Olga was very funny and salty, and Barbara Flynn wes outstanding.

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Television

Mark Lawson

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(Channel 4), reclaiming for motherhood the comedy slot are frank nappy jokes: "Put ust vacated by the cellbates of Father Ted. Alison (Emma Cunliffe) is a

mother, holding up a splatperky 20 and would ideally be tered Pampers. She also talks about her "torn vagina". It's settling down with her sasey friend Jude (Paula Bacon), in a hard to tell yet what the show hopes to be as it grows up. Title-browsers might easily girl flatshare sitcom not unlike Channel 4's recent Dressing For Breakfast. Except that Alison was impregnated while drunk at her 20th birthday bave thought that We Are (Not) Amused (BBC2) was a history of the British domestic party, changing her sitcom sitcom. In fact, this was the model from flatshare to babyfirst part of Kenneth Baker's makes-three. It is an amusing feature of television that while survey of the history of satirical cartooning of the Royal factual programming is full of series about infertility — such Family, Presumably, Mr Baker will be declaring his fees from the BBC in the next regisas Thursday night's current Making Babies — every single act of intercourse in fictional ter of members' interests, as it is hard to believe that he would have been signed up as a presenter if he were not an written by Simon Block and MP. Indeed, the publicity mate-Teresa Poland, themselves rial for the series highlights parents — demonstrates that his parliamentary status. the genre has moved on since Rosemary and Derek blushed The other possibility is that Baker was contracted because while not himself Royal and fumbled in Life Begins At Forty. Alison brings up her though his stuff and plummy

Cannes

won't be the 25th."

anre, portrayed in sevi series of Spitting Image in the form of a slug. But, slugging it son as a single mother. There out with journalists at the you off coarse-grain mustard for life,...laments the new launch of the series, the forme Tory Party chairman made it clear that he regards Spitting Image as juvenile, no match for the great caricaturists of

delivery suggests embitions in

that direction — he has person-ally been the target of vicious

the past. It is one of the favourite Establishment platitudes that modern satirists and cartoonists lack the subtlety of Swift and Gillray, those alleged masters of the firm but fair slap to the mighty. Even glancing inspection of the material soon establishes this view as nonsense. As the contemporary cartoonists interviewed by Baker pointed out, no draughtsman has gone as far with Charles or Diana or even Fergie as Gillray went with his Prince of Wales. But Baker --trilling "Wonderful! Marvellous!" in front of these blistering images of the past – seemed unable to see the truth, which was that in Gillray's day, he'd have been lucky to be depicted merely as a slug.

Radio Anne Karpf AN THERE be any

softer targets for the sat-irist's barb than the **Eurovision Song Contest and** the Bloomsbury Set? You might call them self-lampooning, allowing even the unwit-tlest to crack jokes about nul point Norwegians or Interbreeding bohemians. So the pair of programmes on these subjects last week had the taa of finding fresh ways to make us mock. One sensed that John Peel, enter of the BBC World ervice's programme on **Eurovision**, realised he was over-qualified for the task. Master of the languid understatement, Peel mostly limited himself to the odd acid comment as he ambled through the 50-year history of the competi-

tion, which is today indissolubly linked with German songs that say "Bonjour, bonjour" or winners like La, La which used the word "la" 138 times (Amazing, as Peel noted, that anyone bothered to count.) Peel played some of the most execrable entries — like the one that went "The Beatles gave us all their songs / Yesterday's a lovely one / Like all the others they have done / Yeah,

yeah," — and some of the best, like Serge Gainsbourg's pre-Je I Aime composition, the humnable Poupée De Cire, Poupée De Son (I still have my copy). Peel even admitted writing a tune for it himself, one Ding Dong, Billy Bong, though about its origins and progress he failed to elaborate. And at the end of this enjoyable, if overlong, programme he turned momentarily serious expressing not only his own asure in the event (though whether this was anything more than an exercise in good, clean kitsch, he never said),

egard as intrinsically comic - Eurovision is the only chance to reach an audience outside their home countries. The new four-part comedy eries A Square Of One's Own (Radio 4) attempts to par ody the Bloomsbury set, depicting it as an incestuous and pretentious bunch of selfabsorbed, smug upper-class twits who all call each other "Dahling", despise the lower orders, decry vulgar national sm, and play charades at soirées while the Great War ooms. In other words it's fairly accurate, but at the same time as tiresome as the origi-nals, relying on undergraduate humour — viz their names, here rendered as Lytton Strychnine, Virginia Woof, Vita Sockville Pest, etc. The best bit is the closing credity delivered in pompous Lytton style. The series is written by one Ivan Shakespeare. Shake-speare? A likely story. Otherwise, Alan Clark was Interviewed in John Humphrys's On The Ropes (Radio 4).

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'Incorrect. Totally'

John Malkovich dresses-down JONATHAN ROMNEY

YOU wouldn't | direct. One is a version of Nicholas Shakespeare's book The Dancer Upstairs, about a so much say that John Malterrorist in Peru. the other is kovich is dressed from head to foot in The Libertine, a version of Stephen Jeffreys's play about that Restoration rake the Earl cream. It's more that he's dressed pale, including a little white skull-cap. It makes him look as if of Rochester, to be played by

Johnny Depp. Although new to film directing, Malkovich is an old hand at stage work with Chicago's he's beamed in from another spiritual plane, and his unworldly monotone drawl adds Steppenwolf Theater Comto the impression that he's pany. and you couldn't say he about to dissolve into the sofa. acks confidence. "I started di-It's this bizarre abstracted recting plays 20 years ago and quality that has made some of Malkovich's performances so I've durected more things than most film directors will memorable, especially when if ever direct in their entire comes to projecting a louchely career

effete madness -- as in Dan-gerous Liaisons, or as the pro-I ask him what visual style he has in mind. "A visual tean presidential assassin m style, I think, is the thing that In The Line Of Fire But it's criturs always have a kneejerk response to and not a very clever one. They always just also made him one of the mos mocked Hollywood actors. In all honesty, his performance as Dr Jekyll And Mr Hyde in love these visual things and I find it the most tiresome thing Stephen Frears's critically there is." mauled Mary Reilly was arch beyond belief. "Maybe I didn't I realise at this point that he

has me down as a knee-jerk do it right," he admits, "It critic, but I compound the sin by asking about his acting style. I suggest that he's not won't be the first time and it Malkovich has several major films coming up, includ-ing Jane Compiler's The Porone of those actors — of the Meryl Streep school — who like to disguise voice and face trait Of A tody but he's not every time: rather, he's aleen anything of it vet. Meanways instantly recognisable while, he's in Connes to anas John Malkovich nounce to of this he plans to "I don't know how that's

true." he says, in ominously measured tones. "I think it's almost completely untrue. I don't do funny voices. I can pull them off quite well if I feel like it. I think you're incorrect. Totally incorrect." I point out that I'm not sug-

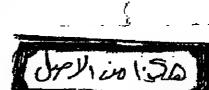
gesting that he should do unny voices, but we seem to have got stuck here. "What a character is — beyond 'does he have curly hair? does he have a German accent?" — is, how does a character view the world?' So it's somewhat --- if I may say so.— unobservant of You to suggest that, frankly. You're just looking at a sort of surface, a very facile picture."

ctually.

Malkovich . . . an old hand at stage work, he is in I protest: I don't think I am, "No, you are. And I'm cer-tain of it. If I do Mary Reilly I Cannes to announce two films he plans to direct

don't put on a Benny Hill voic and then an RSC voice Mr Hyde. "The challenge of which I perfectly well could do." He cites his 1962 perforplaying the real Jekyll and Hyde would be essentially to do what Spencer Tracy did — put on a bad funny voice and mance in Sam Shepard's True West. "It was a very famous comb your hair down. You performance, but I don't want to do it again in a Wim Wendcould do it with two people ers film. I'm not a guy in Holly wood grinning in every film, or do I care to be." Mary Reilly, Malkovich admits, "was not a happy experi-

ence by any stretch of the imagination". But then, he says, he never much liked the original book. Dr Jekyll and nally revolting ...



Talk of the town

too, but now he's working on a film called Afterglow, which Robert Altman is executive UST in case this year's Cannes wasn't enough of a U carnival - and plenty of people thought so — next year promises to be the works. For Christie and Nick Nolte, it's decribed by Altman as "a kind the festival's 50th anniversary, the proceedings will be stretched to 18 days rather than the usual 12, and will feaof La Ronde thing", ie. part-ner-swapping galore, so Mr ture a Paime d'Or des Paimes d'Or. The Paim of Paims will be awarded by previous winning directors, and will go to a past entrant who never won the main prize. A probable centrepiece of the fest will be the premiere of Spielberg's follow-up to Jurassic Park. Passing through thiomagic Passing through this year is that other neglected maestro Paul Schrader, looking chuffed about his new film Touch, which he reckons "people will actually want to go and see". Starring Bridget Fonda and Christopher Walken, it'll pull in the Get Shorty crowd; it's another Elmore Leonard adaptation. Al udelph had one in the works

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paragon of virtue,

(known to punters as Sex-And-Death Race 2000), David Cron-enberg is set to go bot-rodding again with a \$30-40 million Formula One racing drama called Red Cars. Of course, the Formula One racing orama called Red Cars. Of course, the vehicle movie everyone really wanted to see at Cannes was Cronenberg having a go at Roddy Doyle's The Van, espe-cially since Stephen Frears's transmit down like a flat type. try went down like a flat tyre. The mind boggles: "Will you watch yer driving! You've had both me legs off, yer eedjit!" Jonathan Romney not only about how we all in-

producing. Starring Julie

Nolte might want to rent that

Don't Look Now video in prep-

After causing this year's Cannes scandal with his mo-

torway madness film Crash

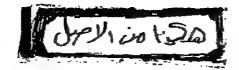
vent ourselves in one way or another, but how many of those who collaborated with the Nazis afterwards claimed otherwise. Its highly personal story thus points up a general guilt. But because the film is funny and ironic as well as accusatory it transcends the ordinary. Let's hope it's somewhere in the final prize list.

Derek Malcolm

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ACQUES Audiard's A Self-Made Hero is a welcome surprise. It stars Mathieu Kas-sovitz — the director of La but everything you do would be calling attention to ... "He cuts off and breaks into an in-congruous Cockney, which Haine — as a young man who, during the war, constructs for must be what he means by his himself a fantasy life that would make Billy Liar into a Benny Hill voice — "Givvita bit o' that!" He leans back and The film is made with intelnarrows his eyes. "It would be ligence and skill, since it is



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The rrrruff!! guide to eating

FIRST woke up to how rig-idly one's own culture de-fines the edible when I large, iguans-like lizard; dog in one guise or another; fruit spent a year in Libya back in the mid-sixties, I was interested by my initial revulsion to eating a live lo-cust. Tripoli then was something of a hick town, many of whose older inhabitants were true sons of the desert. In the houst season the user. In the locust season these people could be seen slitting outside their houses, goesping and they eating the insects alive. As though shelling peanuts, they would strip off the wings and less and pon the body jub their legs and pop the body into their

in one guise or another; fruit bat; and, of course, that ubiqui-tous national favourite, balut. Balut are hawked in the street of almost any town: hard-boiled duck eggs which have been fertilised and in which the embryonic chick's tiny beak and little folded wings are well defined but still soft Eaten warm with salt they are superb as well as nutritious This time, though, my trav

els took me some hundreds of miles to the north, to the late



Jumping salad tastes lively, rather like crackling sherbet. But chicken slowly beaten to death with spoons then roasted falls rather flat. And then there is dog . . As the British passion for beef goes cold **JAMES HAMILTON-PATERSON** picks out

delicious.

chicken are urged to use noth-ing heavier than one of those light wooden spoons from Hab itat. The point is not to break any bones.

Also, the sensitive are advised that even in the cheerful outdoor context of tribal cookery the scene is not without its pitiful aspects. I suppose the bird might be given an anaesthetic; yet this would violate the no-chemicals rule.

Also from the north is pinikvikan, which I have yet to try. it, too, starts with a chicken being beaten to death, this time with its clothes on. Once dead, it is briefly roast in its feathers an interesting taste to a Eurobefore being cut up and cooked in the normal fashion. A tasty pean who is otherwise accuscombination is for it to be tomed to bitterness only in mixed with itag, which is belly tonic water, or in vegetables of pork dried and packed in like chicory. It is well worth salt in earthenware crocks trying and nothing like as bituntil it becomes maggoty. ter as it sounds -- far less so This, when cooked with the than some varieties of Italian chastised hen, yields a greeny-greyish sauce described as "bearty". The sum of its parts salad greens, for instance is apparently far greater than their individual promise. Buro dishea, a Pangasinan speciality, are also something l have never eaten. Buro refers to a way of pickling in brine. of duck A l'orange called pato-One celebrated version starts with a stew of pickled vegetatin. The duck is lightly spitroasted and then transferred bles which is allowed to cool to a large iron saucepan, in the before being fed to a dog that bottom of which is a bed of the has been starved for a couple Chinese fermented black of days. The dog wolfs it down eans which come in tins. A and after an interval, someone bottle of Sprite is added gives the animal a special blow (though Fanta is equally satisbehind the ribs with the edge of the hand which induces imfactory) as well as a large lump of ice. The ice slows down the cooking -- heat control is alnediate vomiting. The regurcitated stew is caught in a ways a problem with an open bowl, re-cooked with addifire. After an hour or so the pototin is ready. Free range duck is delicious in any case; but what makes tional herbs and eaten. The dog, which is more cross than injured, is rewarded with a meal which this time it is this dish is the fizzy drinksweetened black bean sauce. allowed to digest completely. A friend who has tried this It used to be obligatory to end a food article by quoting dish as well as another version which involves fermentthe 18th-century French law-

ing fish and rice in a crock for yer and gastronome, Brillatseveral weeks, says burn is Savarim: "Dis-mol ce oue tu something you need to acquire manges, et je te dirai ce que tu a taste for, like kintchi, the (S) (Tell me what you est and Fil tell you what you are). Koreans' pickled vegetables. Yet another Pangasinan dish haven't the least idea what he involves a goat being fed as much grass as it will eat before meant. What kind of judgmen was he threatening to make? A it is killed and cooked with the lass one? Racial? Nationalisgrass still inside. The grass-filled stomach is allegedly tic? Economic? Religious? Or merely implying a confident section of his own bon guil? There is a range of puppitan However, if he meant "You dishes from llocos (pait means are a curtous traveller, soon to bitter) which have percolated e dead and happy to try anything once" one might allow the old fraud some points. The south to the extent that one cap find workers' restaurants in Manila specialising in them. A good papalian will present

only form of abuse I remember without pleasure from my schooldays is gastronomic. It is a retuinder that we come from a culture which thought noth-ing of giving Spam fritters to impressionable children. We owe if to ourselves to put our cast-iron digestions to better usy, and abandon taboo in favour of new taste expetilences. RETURNED from my trip Any visitor to Manila wishup north to my home viling to do the same might make lage to find somebody's a good start by dining at Patio birthday being celebrated with an old favourite — a Mequeni, a restaurant near Re medios Circle in Malate. Nothbrilliant campfire version ing too outrageous, but an interesting range of regional Filipino dishes. The deep fried mole crickets to nibble with a cold San Miguel as one waits for the main course are highly recom-mended, and would have made

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The day inevitably came when I was hospitably offered a locust. It was partly a tribute to public school food that I was able to eat it with stoical pa-nache, but only partly. I was curious, and that helped. The taste was faintly greenish and suety, and I remember being anxious to chew it all at once before my tongue could detect. any tiny movements of protest ing mandible or pulsing

The tradition of eating in a spirit of curiosity exists even in Britain, Eminent Victorian naturalists such as Frank Buckland and Vincent Holt did it all the time. Buckland ste anything, including exotic 200logical specimens, and was the one who wrote "A roast field mouse - not a house mouse is a splendid bonne bouche for a hungry boy. It eats like a Holt's excellent book Why Not East Insects? (London, 1885) was full of satisfying dishes which any Briton with access to a garden could pre-pare, such as Boiled Neck of Mutton with Wireworm Sauce and Moths on Toast.

Some years ago a reception was held at, I think, the Royal Geographical Society, at which cocktail sandwiches spread with Holt's woodlouse paste recipe were served. "Bet-ter than shrimp," was the widespread verdict; and one might think a taste for it would catch on if only woodlice were conveniently available by the pint, like winkles. Wake up, Sainsbury's. I thought about all this on

my most recent spell in the Philippines, which remains my favourite country bar note partly because it offers novel experiences of every conceivable kind with high good humour. Among these are gastro nomic pleasures and challenges which leave one lost in admiration at human ingenuity and discrimination Discrimination, because the recipes often rely on a palate tuned to fine shades of flavour that elude the untrained.

The supremacist reputation of French gastronomy and cen ophily have tended to bludgeon us into thinking that tastes become cruder the further one gets from Europe. Yet it is not just Basque chefs who can identify from a beef stew the exact pasture where the animal grazed. Tea experis from Darjeeling to Japan will often identify a source of water from taste alone. Similarly, I discovered, a feaster in the mountain provinces of the northern Philippines can tell to the nearest day how long a piece of salted pork was packed in its earthenware crock simply by its flavour. I had long since tried all the

old party favourites in the vil-

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Ferdinand Marcos's nome ter ritory of flocos Norte. I remembered Libya as soon as I encountered pinaluksong hipon or "Jumping salad". The hipon are tiny live shrimp which leap and sourrm on the plate. I was told they could be subdued with a squeeze of lime juice, but this seemed only to provoke mine. Maybe the fuice stung their eyes. The taste is wonderful, quite

unknown to people who have never eaten seafood which has not been locked in ice since it died. They do twitch a little in the mouth: the effect is not unlike the crackling sherbet (Space Dust and Moon Rocks) British children could buy a

few years ago. When you eat jumping salad It is easy to believe in sympathetic magic, which claim that the soul or essence of the victim passes into the deyourer - the theory which once gave us larks' tongue pâté. It made me feel sprightly for hours afterwards. Don't be tempted to dust the shrimp, however lightly, with black pepper: it overpowers them. A judicious drop or two of fresh ginger juice adds bite. Like any other civilised

people, Filipinos make a firm distinction between pet and pot. Times would have to be hard indeed before old Rover made the supreme sacrifice. Dog dishes are often referred to generically as asosena. This is a felicitous pun on the Span-ish word for liby (azucena), that deathly plant introduced for their cometeries by the Philip pines' first colonisers. But in Tagalog aso is dog, while cena is Spanish for supper, so with a small triumphal act of semantics, an indigenous eastern dish flowers to outrage the

European invader. Up in northern Luzon one can eat a satisfactory array of dog recipes, though in the town of Baguio the meat is often sold from door to door already butchered, and gastro nomes will tell you it's important to know the breed you're cooking, as well as its age, and vary your recipe accordingly. This is where a discriminating palate pays off, since true dog lovers will know whether the dish's lead character was a dog or a bitch, especially one on heat. Of course puppies, like yeal, need bland and delicate

cooking. Filipinos, like the people of many other nations, generally kill their animals by cutting their throats and keeping the blood as a separate ingredient. One reason for this may be that bloodless meat tastes less malansa — an impossible word to translate since English doesn't recognise what it defines. Dictionarles usually give something like "the smell of fresh fish"; but that's not precisely it, and both fish and meat may

be described as tasting malansa. It's interesting to discover a sensory perception that is simply not recognised by one's own culture. Bearing this in mind (for Filipinos con sider malansa unpleasant), there are half a dozen commo ways of cooking dog - other than straight roasting over an open fire — and plenty of regional variations. It should be remembered that most rural Filipino cookery is of the open fire" rather than the "oven" type, which gives a dis-tinctive flavour. Kalderetang aso (caldera, of course, is Spanish for caul-dron): A classic dog dish. Gar-lic and onlons are fried in coco out oil until brown, and reserved. The meat (chopped Chinese style, with the bones) is fried in the same oil until tender, then the onions and garlic are put back in and a cupful of soy sauce added. When that has bubbled and seethed enough, any or all of the following can be added: tomato ketchup, peanut butter, margarine, peppercorns, chill, pickles, potatoes, car-rots. The ketchup and marga-rine give a debased and oversweet taste and may safely be omitted. The peanut butter im parts a slightly Indonesian flayour. To this is added a bottle of San Miguel beer --- one bottle per dog — and the whole thing allowed to stew gently for an hour. A fancy asosena might even include pineapple

chunks. Adobong aso (adobo being Spanish for pickling sauce): This gets rid of any ma-lansa flavour by a different Here the meat is boiled first

in coconut vinegar and soy auce. It can be embellishe into adobong aso sa gata by adding turmeric and fresh ginger and then coconut milk at the end. Depending on the quality of the dog, the flavour emerges rich and clear and muttory. Bulacan dog: In Bula can Province they have a method of bolting the meat with tamarind, onions and garlic to achieve a good, sour, sinigang flavour. Then the meat is patted dry and fried in plenty of oil. It is served with a dip made of soy sauce, chili and ketchup. This is deliciou though I can't recommend it for cat, which is a dry meat and easily becomes stringy and floury if fried as well as

boiled, I am now in a position to promote dog done alla Toscana, which I tried out in Italy last autumn after a huntsman foolishly shot his own bound. I roasted a haunch in the oven with olive oil, gartic and rosemary. My house guest considered it a great success. Sadly, owing to the lack of rose mary and olive oil in the Philippine provinces it would be hard to introduce this taste. sensation there. I feel something very good might also be done with a stuffing of basil,

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prunes and lemon, held ogether with mustard flour. Certain Teilinn Friends affect borror — as do some of my Filipino friends — but this is a received response and not based on experience. (Hypocritical, too, since dog meat i still occasionally smoked in at is the Italian Alps). It's the old argument of the avatollahs who hadn't read a line of Rushdie. "Oh, taste and see," is the reasonable response. In any case, cane alla Toscana suggests a whole range of possibilities using exotic ingredients but in a Euro pean style. I am familiar with adobong source, which is py-thon, and am eager to invent python steaks in Trieste fashion, with white wine and anchovy fillets. They would be fabulous. But alas, it is an idle dream. The most one could hope for here in Europe would be an occasional adder stew with shallots. The Philippine provinces

also have some unusual culi-nary specialities which, for sheer inventiveness, are a trib ute to the human spirit. There is a dish from the mountain provinces that requires a hicken to be plucked before it is beaten slowly to death with spoons. The theory runs that the beating mobilises subcutaneous fat as well as breaking the capillaries, and produces a flushed, creamy texture. I have to report - regret

fully, in view of the bird's pro-tracted demise — that in my case it was all for nothing since ed to me like roast chicken by any other name. Evidently my palate is still poorly educated. I gather the Ewondo of Cameroon use a similar method on plump dog which are tied up and tenderised for a day with small canes

before they are cooked in a

dure. In any case, readers

complicated nine-hour proce-

wishing to try for themselves

Vincent Holt's evening. They rustle agreeably on the plate. but are still squidgy and peanutty inside.

Dog-fanciers, on the other hand, will have to ask around, since the restaurants they are looking for tend to lie outside touristy areas. If you find a taxi-driver who pretends not to understand, you can convince him by telling him you're looking for aw-aw (rhymes with bow-wow). You can't get clearer than that.

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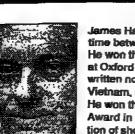
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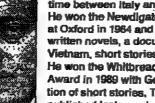
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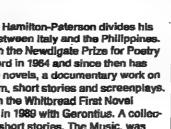
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Admiral Jeremy Boorda

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DMIRAL Jeremy "Mike" Boorda, Commander of the United States Navy, took his own life on Thursday, at the age of 57, just when it appeared to have reached its ranith. He had capped an extraordinary mili-tary career with the highest office attainable, had been halled as saviour of the Navy's good name after a sleazy sex scandal and settled back — everyone assumed happily — in America after half-a-lifetime's voyaging.

But then he took himself to the edge of that life, on a gar-den bench at home on a rainy fternoon in southeast Washington, and hurled himself over it with a shot to the chest from his son-in-law's .38 handgun.

The surface motive for Boorda's suicide appears to place him among the last vic-

vindicated him within a Pentagon which was stubbornly resistant to intervention. Admiral Boorda's line, in a sacret meeting with a senator in spring 1993, was: "Tm not interested in what cannot be done. I'm interested in what can be done." He had formulated this view during his time as Commander of Nato South, based in Naples, from where he was much more deeply involved in Bosnia's crisis than has been officially admitted.

Boorda had agreed — after detailed negotiation — to give the Guardian his first full interview on what he had advo-cated for Bosnia, where be saw the Pentagon going wrong and how he believed the slaughter could have been stopped soon after its inception. The interview was due for the first week in June and was to conclude a Guardian series, Bosnia: Tl

Boorda's involvement in Bosnia included personal flights over the ravaged territory. On one occasion he was so incensed by what he saw that he ordered his pilot to buzz the Bosnian Serb 'capital' of Pale, flying so low that the blast from the aircraft smashed the windows in the main street



ral Program", and became a young lieutenant, a weapons officer on the John Earl

destroyer. Everding lost track of his protegae, but on finding him again as Admiral Boorda, in a tearful reunion, said: "Don't you dare screw this up, Boorda." It had taken Jeremy "Mike" Boorda 22 years, during which time two of his three sons and a daughter-inlaw had become naval officers, and the admiral himself graduated from the Vietnam war to Nato South Command in Naples, a hugely popular eader from the front" When Boorda moved from Naples to take over the Navy in April 1994, it was in no small measure because he ha been well clear of the ser-

vice's worst-ever public scan-dal, the so-called Tailhook case. The atrair involved an alleged orgy of sexual har-

Weekend birthdays

The Guardian Saturday Ma

IT'S ALWAYS a happy birthday for the Holy Father. Of course. John Paul II, 76 course. John Fain 14, 75 today, is convinced his des-tiny is to bring Mother Church through the swamp of 20th-century "indifferentism" (the liberal heresy that it describer matter what you be doesn't matter what you be-lieve) safely into the third millennium. That's why the bal-lets of the assassin Agca missed, and are now in the shrines of Our Lady of Fatim in Poringal and at Czesto-chowa in Poland. Another

year ticked off may edge the Vicar of Christ closer to the Lord but in a sense he's closer than anybody as it is. So what is there to look forward to? If you can't err in serious magis-terial matters, there can be little frisson in the prospect of taking up your position in the hierarchy of the Kingdom of Heaven — where the last shall be first and the first shall be first too (despite what Dante thought about Popes), for otherwise people might feel God was not as firmly behind his Church as he should be. The trouble is that running a tight theological ship these days is a thankless task. You can define the parameters of orthdoxy more rigidly. But tradition already did that. If only people could rediscover the truth as something young and fresh and about to flower ist. 79. — instead of being old and faded and inflexible: the free dom of certainty is just one of those hopeless notions. There are some pluses. The Splen-dour Of Truth and the Catechism sell well, local difficul ties in a few recalcitrant es in Switzerland, Holdioce land and the US notwithstanding. Liverpool will be a doddle to straighten out. And the next Pope (when time is up) will be even more conservative, since the conclave car-dinals are mostly handpicked men. Not women at least. That ponsense has been stamped on. Women are quite influen-tial enough — congenial, bril-liant, humble and full of fun. Like Christ, women resist power - making women run the Church too would be a rampant waste of their energy. At least that's clear.

Today's other birthdays: Holly Aird, actress, 27; Sir Richard Body, Conservative MP, 65; John Bruton, Iriah Taoiseach, 49; Caroline Charles, fashion designer, 54; Perry Como, singer, 84; Sir Patrick Cormack, Conserva-Patrick Cormack, Conserva-tive MP, 57, Rodger Davis, golfer, 45; Graham Dilley, cricketer, 37; Prof Sir Anthony Epstein, patholo-gist, 75; Brian Fletcher, jocksy, 49; Prof Geoffrey Hall, nuclear scientist, former dimenter Brishterin Polytach





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Tomorrow's birthdays:-Prof John Ball, mathemati-cian, 48; Candice Bergen, actress and photo-journalist, 50; John Bradbury, violinist, 52; Francis Cornish, British Trade Commissioner, Hong Kong, 54; Dr Edward de Bono, lateral thinker, 63; Dame Ann Ebsworth, High Court judge, 59; Nora Ephron screenwriter and director, 55; James Fox, actor, 57; Prof Gillian Gehring, Head of Physics, Sheffield University 55; Morna Hookey, Prof of 55; Morna Hookey, Prot of Divinity, 65; Baroness Hyl-ton-Foster, patron, British Red Cross Society, 88; Helen Jackson, Labour MP, 57; David Jacobs, broadcaster, 70; Grace Jones, rock singer, actress, 44; Robert Kilroy-Silk, broadcaster, 54; Roger Laughton, director of broad-Laughton, director of broad-Casting and entertainment, United News and Media, 54; John Lyons, former general secretary, Electrical Power Engineers' Association, 70; Diana Maddock, Liberal Democrat MP, 51; Michael McGowan, Labour MEP, 55; Paul Moriarty, actor, 50; Dr Max Perutz, OM, CH, Nobel laureate, molecular biologist, 82; Pete Townshead, guitarist, singer, poetry editor, 51; Stephen Varcos, baritons, 47; Sandy Wilson, composer and

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On one occasion he was offer-ing a small bedside cabinet in

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tims of the Vietnam war: two reporters from Newsweek were due at his home that afternoon, the magazine hav-ing reportedly found out that he had carried with him a secret since his war in Vietnam. He had worn, until last year, two "V-pins" — valour insignia — upon his copious ribbons of decoration, which were not backed up by his service record. The V is only meant to accompany medals if the serviceman is "exposed to personal hazard due to direct hostile action". In a suicide note, the admiral is said to have pleaded that it was 'an honest mistake" but was convinced no one would believe him. Those who knew Boorda

talk about a deeper doubt, a trauma that can haunt people who climb from a humble origin, through the ranks to the peaks, as Boorda did. He was the only man to start as a common seaman and reach. the top. "Maybe they look into themselves harder than most people," said one repor-ter who knew him well.

There was another cruel twist to Admiral Boorda's death concerning a news-

paper — this newspaper. The last years of Boorda's career were marked by his in-sistence that the US take a robust line and intervene militarily in the carnage of Bosnia-Herzegovina. This opinion became the admiral's anthem, and both isolated and

The admiral had asked for an outline memo about the areas we wished to cover, which included highly controversial themes, had agreed to peak out despite his position and had set the date the day pefore his suicide. But we are left only with the anecdotes that were to accompany the interview, the secret story of Boorda's bold, sometimes reckless, heresy against the caution which straitjacketed the West in its response to the war. In spring 1993, Senator Joe

War.

Biden of the foreign relations committee and his then advisor James Rubin had been on a visit to Bosnia and Croatia. They were on their way home when an invitation came from Naples, from the commander of Nato South. "Why not?" said Rubin. "Let's go and have some pasta with the admiral in Naples." "Admiral Boorda," recails one of the team, "said his line T'm not interested in what cannot be done. I'm interested in what can be done'." And he proceeded to lay out exactly how he would end the war by force. " 'We put a division there, a division there', stuff like that," recalls Rubin. Senator Biden was anxious to let President Clinton know that "he may have a lot of no-can-

emeshed in Bosnia's war than in Pale's main street. His acwas publicly admitted, or was count recalls that the plane flew at 500 feet but one of his colleagues later let on that permitted by the strictures of his command. He became a this was "well below 500 feet — more like 100!" close friend and comrade-inarms with the General Phi-lippe Morillon of France, UN Washington position of Chief of Naval Operations. He con-Commander in Sarajevo and convert to interventionism after his celebrated entry into baseiged Srebrenica. Moriltinued to connive with Morilion, who visited him more than 10 times, and to push for intervention in Bosnia. His lon reveals that the two men opened up a strictly "unoffl-cial" channel of communicaidea was a precursor to that which, in the event, propelled tion between the UN and Nato, which even involved the the conclusion of the war in 1995: to get UN troops out of Serbian-held territory and of harm's way, and to mount

admiral dispatching teams of US Marines covertly into Sarajevo. It was he who ordered the first Nato air strikes. against Gorazde, in April 1994. More dramatically, the ad-

miral's involvement extended to his taking personal flights over the ravaged territory. These sorties were unofficial, unheralded, regarded by some colleagues as reckless but ut-

terly characteristic. On one occasion early in 1993, he saw from the cockpit of an F-14 the grim fruits of a Serbian "ethnic cleansing" spree: burning villages and deportees on the move. The admiral was so incensed that he ordered his pilot, Com-mander John Stufflebeam (call sign "Boomer") to fly down and buzz the Bosnian Serb "capital" of Pale from a terrifyingly low altitude --- so low that the blast from the air-

ador to the UN, Madeleine Albright, her French counterpart and British Ambassador Sir David Hannay, how Un-

profor troops — many of them British — could be deployed in Bosnia in a way that would not restrict the use of American air power, which could then come in and finish off the craft smashed every window war. Sir David objected, say-

ing that he didn't think the admiral would consider putting American soldiers at such risk. "I'm offended," said Boorda, "if you think that I care any less about the lives of British soldiers than Americans." "Hannay clammed up

pretty fast," a fellow guest observed. Admiral Boorda was short (5ft 4ins), Jewish, clever. gre-garlous, astute and knew his own mind. He was hardly the Platonic role-model for the man to command the most said Boorda. WASP-ish and hereditary of the US armed services.

From a Ukranian immigrant family settled in Indiana, Jeremy Boorda dropped out of high school at 16 and lied about his age in order to join the Navy. He liked to mimic the currently vogue-

ish PC parlance and joke about being "vertically challenged". He had married Bettle Moran of Norman, Oklahoma and acquired four children. one of them handicapped, before he went anywhere near officer training college. Based in California, he was considering leaving the service for

family reasons when his supe-

rior, Squadron Chief George Everding, selected him to become what the Navy calls a "Mustang". a seaman specially earmarked for the officer corps. Boorda was as-signed to a scheme called, fit-tingly, the "Seaman to Admi-

rasement during a Navy con-vention in Nevada, with a constellation of senior officers present.

ence: a varied mixture of the Boorda was now in comfamous, infamous and unmand of 600,000 men and an knowns. However, to devote so much space to a builfighter (obituary, May 10) plus a gory photo of him displaying his annual budget of \$78 billion. But it was sexual harassmen that continued to be a theme logging Boorda's command, including the "retirement" of another admiral after callous remarks about the rape of a 13-year-old Japanese girl by US seamen. "Each infraction or miscue, and we have had plenty lately, detracts from us and demeans our service,"

Admiral Boorda's leadership of the Navy had come under attack in recent weeks from stalwart opponents of tion is appalling.

political correctness who felt that he was buckling under to political pressure to deliver Betty Smithers writes: obtained my first teaching up long-serving senior naval officers as a result of what this week's Navy Times calls Art. It was there that I first 'overblown" sex scandals. The admiral salutes when met Robert Paine (obituary, May 2) - a dashingiy handsailors snap to attention as he some man who cut a stylish passes by but inside — he had confided — he is thinking: shirts, leather-elbowed Har-ris tweed jackets and cordu-"Oh, relax, for God's sakes." roy trousers. A sailor is presented to his chief and says: "Sir, you're an inspiration to me." "Oh, for I was in the college's design school whereas Robert, Mr heaven's sakes," retorts the Paine to me then, was head of admiral, "I'm just an old the school of architecture

bloody trophies was an insult. piece of furniture has lived The sycophantic eulogy was with various members of my littered with the italicised jarfamily through the years, gon of this blood-sport; just like Hemingway, this is done simply to elevate it to a pseudo-intellectual and showing its age with many layers of different coloured paints. My daughter now has it and while it is around it will romantic status. always bring Robert and his The final insult is to transinfluence to mind. late "corrida" as "taming [sic] and killing a bull"; to describe animal torture as a kind of training and educa-Death Notices

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CHAPPEAN, Airs vers by Ney, passed away peacefully aged ninety-eight at James Terry Court, Croydon on Tuasday 14th May Sadly missed by har daughter Mary, grandchildren and gread grandchi-dren. The Funeral will be held at St Merks Church. Regents Park Rd, London NW1 of Friday 24th May at 100p m Flowers to Shakaspeare Lit. of George Street. Croy-dan. Surrey. Fifty years ago this summer I post at Canterbury College of figure in his Tattershall check

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OR some time after the assassination of the Is-raeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, some religious Jews felt uncomfortable wearing a yarmulka in public spaces, for fear of being associated with the extreme right. The polarisation between the religious and secular segments — painfully highlighted by the national trauma of Rabin's vio-lent death — is not a uniquely Israeli phenomenon but ap-plies to Jewish communities in the diaspora as well. Are there two mutually exclusive Jewish worlds?

This split between the religious and the secular was the topic of the Jacob Sonntag Memorial Lecture given in London this week by Professor Aviezer Ravitzky, a leading Is-raeli philosopher and political

thinker. Ravitzky, an orthodox (for real peace in the Middle Jew, is also one of the most | East --- a rightwinger here a East — a rightwinger here and a leftwinger as far as Israel is prominent representatives of the moderate religious peace concerned. Chief Rabbi Jona-than Sacks, on the other hand, camp in Israel. He votes (Is-raeli) Labour, has participated can more adequately be de-scribed as a cautious supin many Peace Now demonporter of Labour causes in strations and supports secular Britsin and a not-so-cantious causes which are anathema to supporter of rightwing reli-gious interests in Israel. most religious Jews. Is there a link between our eligious beliefs (or lack of them) and political affiliation? There seems an underlying prejudice in favour of assum-ing that orthodox Jews are more likely to support conser-vative causes. However, judg-ing by the political performance of the British Chief Rabbis, past and present, the

Professor Bernard Wassur-stein, chairing the lecture, pointed out that Sacks had chosen to attend a different led ture that night, given by Rabbi Nachum Rabinovitch, who is identified with West Bank set-tlers --- ie, Jewish fundamentalist groups. Ravitzky light-ened this remark by enea this remark by suggesting that he and Rabino-vitch ought to switch places. boundaries are blurred to say the least. While the former Chief Rabbi Lord Jacobovits

But he also pointed out that the two audiences do not speak could be seen as a supporter of the Tory establishment in this the same language. Their politcountry, he is also a fervent ical goals are different because believer in trading territory their way of interpreting and

understanding history is different. One side uses prophetic and messionic discourse, the other thinks in terms of social and economic factors.

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In 1948, three years after the Holocaust, the two sides could reach a compromise, finding a common denominator — the State of Israel. This common filiation are a matter of free denominator was a false one Ravitzky says: each side felt the other would weaken and disappear. The secular be-**Doonesbury Flashbacks** lieved orthodoxy would give in to secularism; the orthodox were convinced secularism, being spiritually empty, would be conquered by the need to

return to religious roots. Yet the dichotomy has grown and each side has become stronger. The religious have gained political power, secular groups have strength-ened and diversified. Neither side fully understands the other's concept of "normalcy". As long as the gap remains so profound there is little hope for compromise.

Judaism is not a belief system which would naturally predispose one towards conservatism. Jows have always een associated with political

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reform. Political conservatism would find the traditional Jew-ish quest for freedom problematic and subversive. The right and left wing in Israel is defined mainly in terms of being for or against territorial compromise. But

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choice. Therefore, it is of little importance whether the per-son occupying the office of the Chief Rabbi is a conservative or a socialist, whether he is aligned with the peace camp in Israel, Rabin was killed, in part, because of the unrestrained verbal fanaticism of the ultra-orthodox right. Durreligious belief and political af-

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violence from spreading. Today, two weeks before the Israeli election, one would have wished to see a much

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BY GARRY TRUDEAU





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more mixed audience come to listen to a lecture on secular-

religious polarisation. If it was possible to reach a modus vi-vendi after the Holocaust, perhaps this time of crists and national trauma for the Jew-

ish people could trigger another compromise.

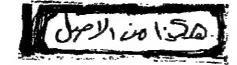
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very kind to me --- a new col-league half his age. ing many memorial services, numerous speeches were made by those who could have done more to prevent the danger of

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Euro-vision hits right note as savers look to future

The single currency got an //// unexpected lift this week when the building societies held their annual meeting

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Mark Milner and **Teress Hunter**

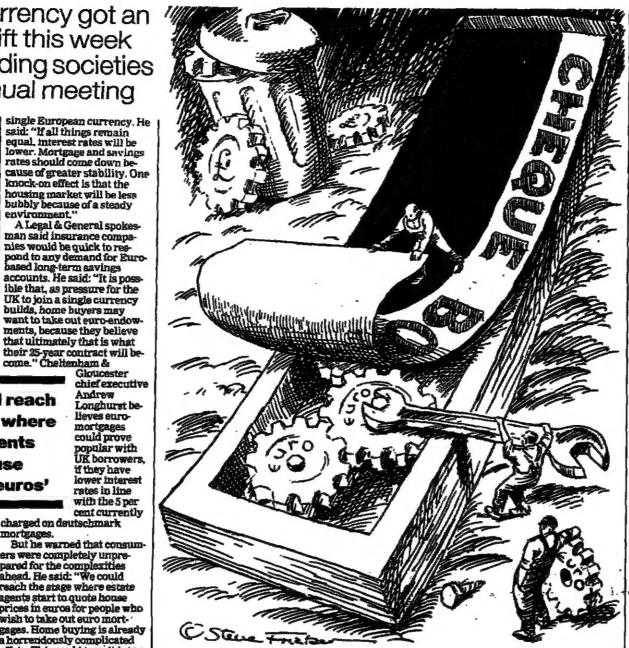
AVERS and borrowers could push Britain towards a single European currency ahead of the political agenda if the UK decides to opt out of the euro in 1999. Financial institutions are gearing up to meet demands for euro-denominated savings

accounts, bank accounts, endowment policies, loans and credit cards, which they be-lieve will be triggered by even a limited alignment of Euroible that, as pressure for the UK to join a single currency pean currencies. want to take out euro-endow-ments, because they believe Foreign currency accounts and loans are already avail-

that ultimately that is what able, but have failed to captheir 25-year contract will be-come." Cheltenham & ture the public imagination. However, institutions believe the demand for We could reach euro facilithe stage where ties will be significant, estate agents if it becomes the main quote house currency of Europe -- as prices in euros' people increasingly travel and

work abroad. Bradford & Bingley chief executive said: "Whether Britain joins a single currency immediately or not, we are preparing to run dual systems for savings and loans.

charged on deutschmark mortgages. But he warned that consum ers were completely unpre-pared for the complexities ahead. He said: "We could reach the stage where estate "We believe there will be a agents start to quote house big demand, particularly for euro savings accounts — and prices in curos for people who wish to take out euro mortthat demand will be on a comgages. Home buying is already a horrendously complicated



countries will irrevocably lock their exchange rates which means that the relative values of the currencies involved will not be allowed to

change. But while that will allow financial markets, banks and companies to use the euro in pricing business deals, contracts and when drawing up their accounts, it will still be some time before the euro ap pears in banknote or coin form. The EMI suggests this will happen not later than three years after the locking of exchange rates, which could put it in 2002. with a six-month period when national currency and euro notes circulate side by side. As the Bank of England recently noted: "Whether the UK is in or out, we believe that the focus of preparations now and in the immediate future

should be on wholesale financial activity. Issues relating to retail activity, which would only be relevant if the UK were to become a participant, are less immediately

pressing." The British Bankers' Association sees cash machines as one of the biggest obstacles in the changeover to a single currency. Although the transfer to the euro may be a gradual process, cash ma-chines are likely to issue starling right up until January 2002 for technical reasons. Cash dispensers will have to be fitted with new software and components as a part of a £38 million operation. The cost of printing and mailing cheques and information booklets is expected to mount to £174 million. In a report on the implications of a single currency, the Association for Payment Clearing Services (Apacs) said that cards which carry a cheque guarantee limit in starling would probably be valid for up to two years after the introduction of the euro. cashcards will not need to be re-issued before their normal expiry dates. Banks are also expected to issue euro-currency cheques designed for use after January 1 2002.

High-street sales feel Tessa pinch

Nick Pandya

-IGURES gleaned from this month's Bank of England's inflation report show that the expected boom in retail sales failed to materialise because 51 per cent of funds on deposit in maturing Tessa accounts were re-invested in follow-up Tessas. A further 20 per cent were deposited in other savings accounts with only 20 per cent paid out to investors. The news comes as Tessa providers step up their enleavours to wuo savers with bulging balances in their maturing Tessa accounts.

NatWest has launched a new Tessa paying an attractive 7.45 per cent fixed for five years. Under the terms of its new account, investors will need at least £5,000 from their maturing Tessa. Interest payouts, which are credited quar-terly, will return a total of £3.895 to savers investing the full £9,000 after five years making their initial investment worth £12,895. The Bradford & Bingley

Building Society is offering a new issue Tessa with rate fixed at 7.4 per cent for the next five years. The society

will pay interest yearly, turn-ing the full \$9,000 investment into £12.660 after five years Savers keen to invest in a fixed-rate Tessa will have to move fast. The Bradford & Bingley says its fixed-rate Tessa is only available for a limited period. However, savers will bene

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fit from pausing to ponder whether interest rates are likely to rise history 7.5 per cent over the next five years. Tes-sis with pollocity transe traces of returns r. We o'g be worth having if not over rates stay at current lay de, or drop lower. during the tive year term. After the tall in annual rate of inflation to 2.4 per cent reported this week, most investment analysts are agreed that banks' base rates are likely to hover around the current level of 6 per cent this year and climb in 1997, with an expected rise in consumer spending and increased fears of inflation.

But the gynations are expected to be less dramatic than in the recent past. Interest rates are not expected to swing wildly. The Government pol-icy of keeping the annual in-flation rate below 2.5 per cent will not allow the economy to overheat too much.

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pletely different scale from anything we have seen befo "If the euro becomes a stronger currency than star-ling, savers will look to it for stability — even if the interest rates are lower." David Kern, group chief economist at NatWest, expects savings rates to fall anyway after the introduction of a

nightmare. Halifax assistant general manager Gary Marsh accepted that if there was a big demand for euro savings ac counts institutions would

seek to match them with mort-gages. He said: "Our main concern would be security. If

it came to repossession we nated mortgages. But the might be left with a depreciat-ing sterling asset secured prospect of lower interest rates is counterbalanced by against a loan denominated in the risk of higher capital an appreciating currency." British home buyers can already purchase their proper-ties using, for example, yen, marks or even ecu-denomi-

repayments if the pound falls against the mortgage That, however, will change if and when Britain does sign

up for the single European currency. According to the timetable for monstary union aid down by the European Monetary Institute (EMI) -the European Union's putative central bank — the first

stage should take place on Jan uary 1, 1999. At that point,

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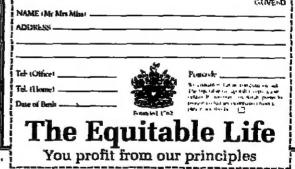
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Railtrack sale sparks war of Sids and stags

lan Wylie

UYING shares in Railtrack was the easy part. Knowing what to do with them once dealing starts on Monday will separate the stags from the

More than 650,000 private investors applied for Rail-irack shares in a public offer that was almost three times subscribed. As a result, the partly paid shares are expected to open at a price of between 210p and 215p com-pared with the 190p that private investors paid.

The popularity of the £1.9 billion Railtrack sell-off com-

pares favourably with the 1 million people who applied for the £4 billion sales of the power generating company shares last year. However. brokers remain divided on whether Railtrack investors should make a quick killing or profits. seek long-term gains. With the Government allocating up to half of the issue to

take a longer-term view. Out of pre-privatisation profits, Railtrack is using 569 million to pay a julcy dividend in Oc-tober of 17.8p a share before private investors, institu-tional investors will be keen to mop up as many Railtrack shares as possible in the first couple of days, when shares tax, and analysts calculate that the company is likely to provide a first-year yield of 14 are likely to continue trading at a premium. The Railtrack share price is

But Matthew Orr, a director of private client stockbroker expected to take a hit in Octoer when some investors Killik & Co, warns investors not to hesitate if they intend to pocket the plum dividend and

take their profits early. "If you are going in to stag, then stay a stag," he says. "If you have decided in advance what depart, but Mr Orr believes Railtrack can follow the success of one of the first priva-tised companies, BAA, and price you want the shares to continue to offer shareholde achieve, and they hit that tar-get on day one, then take your value by profiting from its property portfolio.

Mr Orr is advising clients to VEN the threat of a tougher regulatory regime under a Labour government does not puncture Mr Orr's optimism. "The stock market hates uncertainty," he says, "but as a general election approaches, and Labour's policies unfold much of that uncertainty will be dispelled."

Eric Hathorn, research di-rector at stockbroker Henderthe issue price. He says: "The son Crossthwaite, is much

I Railtrack issue has been less sanguine about the effect of tighter regulation on dressed up for the oven and may be profitable for those who want to stag it. But from a dividende He says: "A Labour government would be stuck with the long-term view, I have yet to existing regulatory formula for a few years, but they will be keen to beef up the regula-tor's other powers. "Since Railtrack's biggest be convinced." Investors planning to hold their sbares at least until Oc-tober have until June 28 to source of profit will come from cutting costs, a Labour government will be watching like hawks to make sure the company does not boost dividends at the expense of safety." Mr Hathorn points to the experience of British Gas in-vestors this week as an exam-

transfer their Railtrack shares into a general or single-company Pep. Pep man-ager Reyker Securities, which launched a series of Peps to coincide with previous privatisation issues, says investor should ensure that their Pep managers have the necessary administration systems to cope with partly paid shares where instalments are due in ple of how a tough regulator can wipe out gains made on

subsequent years.

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Labour renews threat of windfall tax amid charges that electricity consumers come second to shareholders | Saturday Notebook Britain's electric

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Power investors get £1.6bn

Simon Beavis Industrial Editor

ATIONAL Power vesterday stoked up a new row over the rich rewards still on offer for shareholders from electricity privatisation when it unveiled Britain's biggest corpo-rate hand-out to investors, with a package worth £1.6 billion.

The move immediately prompted Labour to renew its threat of imposing a windfall tax on the utilities, amid charges that the electricity sell-off was continuing to

Her call came on the day favour shareholders at the expense of consumers. The Shadow Chancellor. Gordon Brown, said: "Not only should the shareholders benefit, the British public as a whole should benefit from the excess profits of the privatised utilities. Today's news makes the case for Labour's windfall levy to pay for a comprehensive package to alleviate unemployment." The Shadow Industry Secretary, Margaret Beckett, also renewed her call for a radical overhaul of the privatised util-ities to ensure "that they are

not exploiting customers to reward senior executives and

shareholders".

that a right-wing think tank, the Adam Smith Institute, cision to stamp on the compatried to mount a defence of lectricity privatisation but admitted that the sell-off had been unduly slanted towards the interests of management and shareholders to the detriment of customers. National Power said it was to give its shareholders a cial dividend worth £1.1 billion on top of a 49 per cent increase in annual divi-dends costing £200 million. With big institutions able to

get a tax break on the special £1-a-share pay-out, the hand-out is worth £1.6 billion. tion and hurt consumers The widely forecast move

ny's ambitions to take over the regional electricity comhas decided to get on with rewarding its shareholders. pany Southern Electric. The Monopolies Commission had National Power further aroused opposition anger of the pay-out by hinting it given the green light to National Power's £2.5 billion would look for authorisation to buy back its shares, in a bid and a similar bid by its maller rival, PowerGen, for which would give an-Midlands Electricity.

tacked Mr Lang's decision to block the bids as politically

motivated. National Power

The Trade Secretary, Ian other boost to earnings and ang, argued three weeks ago shareholder returns. The special dividend was announced alongside results hat allowing the generators to buy regional supply compa rushed out yesterday, as spec nies would represent an unaculation over the size of the ceptable level of vertical integration in the power industry that could damage competishareholder package reached fever pitch and sent the shares shooting up. In the year to the end of Although PowerGen has at-

March, the company saw its March, the company saw its profits rise by 10 per cent to 2806 million despite a small fall in sales to just under E3.95 billion. The dividend for the year is rising from 15.45p last time to 23p.

The company is in the pro-cess of completing the sale of three power stations to Han-son in a deal worth £1.7 billion and which will see its market share reduced from

32 per cent to 25 per cent. The chairman, John Baker said: "National Power has ex-perienced a turbulent year." But he said completion of the power station disposal to Han-son should remove uncertainties from the business.

HE Adam Smith Institute displayed a fine sense of timing yesterday. Just as the free-market think tank, in a general pacon of praise for electricity privatisation, grudgingly admitted that the exercise was slightly skewed

in favour of shareholders and managers — what happened? Up popped National Power with a £1.3 billion handout to investors.

Edited by

Mark Milner

National Power's special dividend, perhaps the bigge in British corporate history, is rubbing salt in the wounds of those who feel the price at which the industry was sold was far too low. Yesterday's pay-out is the equivalent of al most a third of the price at which shareholders were allowed to buy into the company in the first place. To add insult to injury, tax

breaks for big institutions will nean the value of the dividend package will climb to £1.6 billion Predictably, the pay-out has

reignited the political row over just how much money Britain's utilities should be allowed to earn. Gordon Brown, the shadow chancel or, was quick to see National Power's move as justifying a windfall tax on the industry. The company may not be too

unhappy about the immediate political fall-out. It can hardly have been happy with Trade and Industry secretary Ian Lang's refusal to allow it to buy a regional electricity

company. Amid the politicking one thing stands out: UK electricity privatisation was, at best, a botch and, at worst, a cynical attempt to flog valuable assets on the cheap ahead of the 1992 election.

Insufficient thought was given to creating competition among the generators, a con-tinuing headache for the reguator and the Government. Lax price controls allowed the power companies to push up profits from £2.6 billion in 1991

less", but they may also feel that there is a lot more to life than the role Mr Tietmeyer has chosen for them — that of the watchdog of the Maastricht criteria for monetary union For the Bundesbank, the notion that the financial markets will impose on Europe's politicians the economic realities associated with its view of monetary union is no doubt-attractive. It remains to be seen, however, whether they

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shock for the world

the job. Politicians and central bankers are well aware of the power of markets. That was the lesson of the exchange rate mechanism crises of 1992 and 1993. But, as the Guardian's European Editor, John Palmer, points out on page 39, so far there has not even been a warning growl, let alone a bark, from that quarter over progress to EMU in 1999. That should not be too great a surprise. Back in the days when the ERM was the favoured vehicle for a single currency, the markets were swayed by the apparent political will behind that drive towards monetary union to blind them to economic daner signals

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Only when it became apparent that at least one institution was not prepared to sacrifice its economic imperatives on the altar of monetary union did the markets decide the game was up and respond im-placably and pitilessly. And which institution was that? Why, the Bundesbank.

Empty kitty

O politician wants to go without any money to spend. But if yesterday's evilence of the state of the public finances is anything to go by, that is exactly the position in which the Chancellor of the Exchequer finds himself. Having set a target of £22.5 villion for the public sector borrowing requirement this year and said *ad nouseam* that he is committed to keeping the public finances under tight control, Kenneth Clarke faces a stark choice.

He can all but guarantee his goal by raising taxes and de-priving his Cabinet colleagues who head spending departments of the cash they will inevitably demand thi

Yorkshire egos expand as business tykes get together

Martin Walnwright

WITH two tonnes of food VV and a huge sigh of Yorkshire self-satisfaction, England's largest county celebrated business togetherness yesterday. At Harewood House near Leeds, in the company of speakers Lech Walesa, Angus Deayton (right, with NatWest Jazz Band) and ex-Taoisach Albert Reynolds, 1,710 chief executives and board members, all from Yorkshire companies, logged up millions in deals. "Yorkshire is a vibrant

and diverse business community," said Mike Firth, chairman of Yorkshire Foods and promoter of the Yorkshire Business

Conference. One revelation was the Yorkshire connection (via her husband) of Chinese writer Yung Chang, author of the best-seller Wild Swans.

Jeremy Walker of the Government's regional office said they would soon 'discover the remains of the world's earliest man here, probably dug up by York-shire Water". PHOTOGRAPH: JUSTIN SLEE



Hinchliffe attacks DTI

threat to ban him

said.

PATRICK DONOVAN, TONY MAY and

OWEN BOWCOTT chart the panic as

big dealers unload 'long' positions

Tony May

TEPHEN Hinchliffe, the 545-year-old chief of Fa-cia, which claims to be Britain's second-largest pri-vate retailer with sales of £250 million, 850 stores and 8,500 employees, could be banned from being a director.

The Department of Trade and Industry is seeking to disqualify Sheffield-based Mr Hinchliffe, who last night said allegations against him were unfounded and he was confident of clearing his name. Mr Hinchliffe has built up

Facia over two years by ac-quiring some of the UK's bestto liquidation. known brand names, includ-ing Sock Shop, Red or Dead Saxone, Freeman Hardy Willis, Salisbury's and Mayfair Trunks. The group's last ac-quisition was in March when it bought a chain of Bata shoe shops in Germany.

While the DTI move relates to the collapse, soon after he had submitted a dossier perio sold it, of a company called "which, in the view of myself Boxgrey, Mr Hinchliffe would and my lawyers, substantially spoke

OPPER prices crashed by up to 5 per cent on the London Metal Exchange

vesterday, with traders panic-

selling on persistent rumours that some of the market's big-

gest dealers had decided to un

the benchmark price of copper

fall by more than \$140 (£93) a

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wind "long" positions. The headlong plunge saw

not be able to continue at Faundermines all the allega tions that have been made cia if he were struck off. The DTI said that it had ap-

plied to the courts for an He said the DTI had made order under section 6 of the its move despite his request Company Director's Disquali-fication Act 1986, against Mr that it take more time to con sider matters. He hit out at Hinchliffe and Christopher 'unbalanced reporting" of Harrison, both former direchis affairs and said he had tors of Boxgrey. The hearing already begun proceedings will be in Newcastle upon against some newspapers. Type on August 1. Mr Hinchliffe said last

Mr Hinchliffe is also under threat of legal proceedings from Companies House if Fanight that Boxgrey, formerly a maker of tennis courts called En-tout-cas, went into cia's accounts for the year to the end of January 1995 are liquidation two years ago and not filed by July I. A spokesman for Mr Hinch-

was a subsidiary of a holding company which he sold prior liffe saw no reason why the accounts would not be filed "I did not have executive in time and said Facia had responsibility for the group and was not responsible for placing it in liquidation," he 'liaised regularly with the relevant officers in Compa-nies House regarding the delay in filing the outstanding "I was only provided with brief details of the allegations accounts".

Facia accounts for the against me on May 9 in the form of a one-page letter." Mr Hinchliffe added that he period up to January 1995 mostly pre-date its ambitious expansion. Accounts for the period covering its meteoric rise are well in hand, the man said.

September 1992, was involved but others cautioned that the

market often conjured up "a big name" to explain big

Ford reverses to to give Sids a say £213m UK loss The British arm of Ford

News in brief

reported a 1995 loss of £213 million on turnover of 98.4 billion. In the previous year, Ford of Britain logged a profit of £25 mil-lion, on turnover of £5.8 billion. Ford blamed adverse currency exchange rates and the costs of launching three new models -the Fiesta, the revised Escort and the Galaxy. Although Ford would not

comment on progress in the first quarter of 1996, it said that the vehicle market continued to be flat. Last year, 1.95 million cars were sold in the UK with Ford accounting for 410.722 - 21.1 per cent of the market.

Davies praises Emu Monetary union held out the

prospect of economic stability, a fully functioning single market and lower costs for businesses and individuals, Howard Davies, deputy gover

nor of the Bank of England, said yesterday. In a speech in Germany. Mr Davies was markedly warmer

about the goal of a single currency than is the Bank's Governor, Eddie George, who has adopted an increasingly scep-tical approach in recent

months

Mr Davies said the benefits of a single currency could be "considerable", adding that there might be a "significant economic gain" from lower transaction costs. "More important, though, is the poten-tial benefit from increased cer tainty and stability," he said. US trade gap grows A steep rise in the US trade

Analysts warned that the deficit for March intensified market now looked so unsettled that it remained very vul-nerable to further falls next pressure on the Clinton ad-ministration yesterday to adopt a tough line in its trade dispute with China. The US trade deficit rose 27.1 per cent In a separate move, believed to be connected to a United Kingdom financial into \$8.9 billion, higher than anticipated. Imports of goods and ser-

vices reached a record \$77.7 billion. So far this year, the US deficit in goods and ser vices is running at an annual rate of \$103 billion, as against last year's \$111.5 billion.

BAA buys duty frees

Airport operator BAA has en-hanced its retailing position with the £130 million pur-chase of the duty free busi-ness of retailer Allders, which consists of 110 airport and 84 envice chin shore.

cruise ship shops. Allders said the disposal would remove the uncertainty over duty free sales and

profit of £12 million.

month after a year-long ex-amination of every aspect of the private client market. Patrick Donovan City Editor

Its conclusion will renne LANS to shake up the structure of the Stock Exsent the most exhaustive reas ment of private ownerchange by giving private client brokers their first direct ship of equities since Mrs Thatcher launched Britain's say in running the market will be unveiled today by its chairman, John Kemp-Welch. In a speech in Manchester he will disclose that he is lookprivatisation programme with the pledge to create a 'share-owning democracy". In his speech, Mr Kemp-Welch will promise to examing to set up a special steering

Exchange chief

ine all aspects of the Excommittee to concentrate on private client business. Mr change's work and the prices it charges. "We have a common inter-Kemp-Welch is also expected to reaffirm the importance of share-buying by individuals est in seeing the number of

investors grow and I expect to the City, pointing out that the Weinberg report to help this market now accounts for six out of every ten share stimulate public debate", he will tell his audience. Although Mr Kemp-Welch

is expected to refer to the purcommittee will be seen as part suit of a replacement for forof the Exchange's response to the Treasury-backed "Weinmer chief executive, Michael Lawrence — who was sacked by the Exchange earlier this year — he will give no clue as berg Committee" which was set up to look at ways of revito when the post will be filled. It is understood that the Exchange is likely to opt for an external candidate.

Court defeat spells larger settlement bill for Lloyd's in battle with Names

terday's decision was a "disappointment" but said it planned to appeal against the judgment and denied

some £800 million of debt credits to investors. Lloyd'

chairman of the Lloyd's provement to the overall

to £5.5 billion last year, although sales rose by only £4 billion in that time. By contrast, customers have seen their bills fall by a relatively meagre 10 per cent. The Adam Smith Institute may see the whole exercise as an example to the rest of the world. Yes indeed. An example of how not to do it.

Odd watchdogs

HEN George Canning, the nineteenth century British foreign secretary and later prime minister, claimed to have called the New World into existence to redress the balance of the Old there were no doubt some on the other side of the Atlantic who found the boast more than a trifle presumptuous. Many may well have felt themselves capable of finding their own place in the world without guidance from White-hall or reference to post-Napo eonic Europ

Dealers in Europe's foreign exchange and bond markets might have been tempted to find something Canningesque in remarks yesterday by Hans Tietmeyer, head of the Bundesbank. They may have felt flattered by his descrip-

first meeting of this year's pub-

lic spending negotiations. Although the April figure,

not seasonally adjusted, or

Sarah Ryle

year. Or he can abandon his larget in favour of a much more politically attractive spree of income tax cuts and noney for the public services. As the doctors accuse the Government of precipitating "meltdown" in the NHS with their financial reforms, and the public rails against teacher/pupil ratios in our schools, the prospect of denying ministers more money looks politically suicidal.

The pressure from back-bench Conservatives to slash income tax is also set to grow unless their party achieves a so-far unexpected leap in the opinion polls.

Mr Clarke and Treasury chief secretary William Wal-degrave will have to pin their hopes on strengthening consumer spending to boost revenue in the form of VAT receipts if they want to lavish money on popular projects without unbalancing the public finances further.

But they may ask themselves why they should bother. Given the probability of a Labour government, Conservatives might see little gain in putting the books in order for somebody else at the expense of vote-winning spending.

Clarke says Cabinet must choose tax cuts or services

each month to meet the November Budget forecast. Treasury officials said the Chancellor would keep a careful hold on public sector spending. But the prospect of another overshoot (the final 1995-96 PSBR was £2.9 billion more than the £29 billion forecast) ent an immediate tremor through the City, with gilts easing and sterling dipping slightly against the German mark yesterday.

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leading UK players which are understood to have formed close trading relationships with Sumitomo through Mr "rotated" within the com-pany. Under this common

global copper market, had been moved to a new job

which means that he no longer

has a direct trading function. This could affect several

within this organisation

Copper crash baffles experts

\$2,515 a tonne. One leading US source said: "I've never seen prices go down like this." Others added staff, jobs are swapped around. that they were increasingly confused by "very strange" patterns in trading. An econo-mist added that the price fall managing director of non-fer-rous metals from June 1, inwas "much larger than norstead of being general manager. The company was yesterday unavailable for

Dealers were speculating that leading Japanese player comment Sumitomo was foremost Traders said there were among traders looking to un-load long positions and that rumours that George Soros, who made billions when the Jasuo Hamanaka, one of the most influential players in the ERM on Black Wednesday,

It is thought that he is being Japanese practice, designed to broaden the experience of key In this case Mr Hamanaka would become the assistant

vestigation into international commodities trading, Guernsey police this week confirmed that 30 officers had taken part in a series of raids on offices in the island. "Early on Saturday morn-ing [May 11], Guernsey police officers attended two commer-

cial premises and one private residence situated in St Peter Port," a spokesman confirmed "Search warrants had been

issued under the provisions of the Criminal Justice [Fraud Investigations, Balliwick of Guernsey] Law 1991. This was as a result of an ongoing investigation being undertaken both locally and internationally into an alleged serious and complex fraud," he said.

There were no arrests but dossiers were taken away.

Lisa Buckingham HE distressed Lloyd's of London insurance market faces the prospect of being forced to sweeten further its £3.1 billion settle-ment offer to Names, or in-

deals struck in London.

The decision to form the

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share ownership. This committee is due to

present its findings next

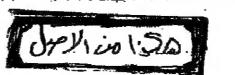
vestors, after losing a test case vesterday. The High Court ruled that Lloyd's did not have the right to lay its hands on cash compensation which litigating Names have been awarded in a number of

legal battles. Its decision means Lloyd's will not be able to use about £300 million of funds, currently held in es-

crow accounts following court judgments dating back to 1992, which

able to challenge any attempt by Lloyd's to force them to contribute towards

about £9 billion of losses which the market has incurred in recent years.



Clarke is to force Cabinet that the ruling would mean any rethink of its out-ofcourt settlement package. Lloyd's chairman, David Rowland, had earlier told the court that it was crucial to the market's reconstruction plan that litigation monies should be available

Alan Porter, chairman of the Devoushire Names Action Group and a mem-ber of the committee handling the litigation for inves tors, said: "The judgment

has exposed Lloyd's prac-tice of riding roughshod over legal rights." Under the recovery plan. which will be put to a vote o Names in July, the court proceeds have been earmarked to help finance

appeal is unlikely to be heard before that deadline. Christopher Stockwell,

Names Associations' Work ing Party, said he expected to see a substantial im-

£400 million lower than at the same time last year, City analysts said it would have to be an

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UBS analyst Alex Garrard said: "The PSBR is firmly on course to overrun the Trea-sury's target of £22.5 billion for the current financial year. Mr Clarke's scope for tax cuts has all but disappeared."

the public sector borrowing requirement of £22.5 billion for this year is already under threat after figures yesterday showed the total for April alone was £3.3 billion. Mr Clarke told colleagues if

colleagues to choose between tax cuts or cash injections for public services to meet tough targets for the public sector The Government's goal for they wanted room for tax cuts, they should restrain their de-mands for cash at the Cabinet's

City analysts said that the City analysts said that the political pressure to imple-ment tax cuts worth anything up to 25 billion (equivalent to about 3p off basic income tax) and spending on popular pub-lic services could prove too much for the Chancellor.

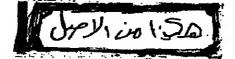
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awarded Names cash compensation against underwriting syndicates. This setback comes as US investors are increasingly confident that they will be

settlement offer.

allow it to concentrate on its department stores. Last year the duty free operation gener-ated sales of ££518 million and Lloyd's admitted that yes-_____i___



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Moves to shed communist legacy may not avert bankruptcy or convince aid officials Oslo complains IMF sees Bulgaria on breadline of being in cold on Trafalgar deal

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F BULGARIA had wanted to put on a display of eco-nomic collapse for the In-ternational Monetary Fund team visiting Sofia this week, it could not have been better orchestrated. The IMF's arrival has coincided with a run on the national currency, the lev, a severe banking crisis and the worst bread queues since communism.

To make matters worse, the head of the mission, Ann McGuirk, was provided with first-hand experience of the rising crime rate when she had here here stellar force of the had her bag stolen from a Sofia

restaurant. inaction, the governing Socialist Party (BSP) has

After 16 months of relative covernment

agreed to close 64 loss-making state firms and to start shutis

EC pours oil

ting banks, after it became obtic demand. Grain is being vious the country is facing bankruptcy.

released from national reserves, but as soon as bread Foreign currency reserves fell to £463 million this week, appears in the shops it is ought up by hoarders. more than £66 million short of The banking and bread cri-sis has had a sobering effect on

the debt-servicing payments due in June and September. With such limited reserves, the central bank was unable to come to the defence of the lev, which lost 19 may cent of its the BSP. The party won a parliamentary majority in December 1994 but its complacency was which lost 13 per cent of its shattered by the growing value on May 8. The IMF team arrived to threat of civil unrest.

witness account holders be-sieging the banks to demand their deposits. Only a spectacular interest rate rise restored stability. In one of Europe's most fer-

A plan to restructure the banking system was submit-ted to the IMF last month, tile countries, the bread shortage has been the most drawith the government proposmatic failure of the BSP ing to close the three main loss makers. But it argued that it could not afford the £46 million It would cost to pay So much wheat was ex-

ported last year to take advan-tage of high prices that there off depositors, insufficient to meet domes-Parliament approved a

bank bankruptcy law this week, giving the Bulgarian National Bank greater powers to close or restructure ailing banks. A parallel deposit insurance bill has yet to be voted

At a storing leadership ple-num on Sunday, Zhan Videnov won approval to start closing unviable state enter-

will be cut off from further

Bank missions is whether the government will stick to any

The list of 64 enterprises to be liquidated, published on Wednesday, represents a com-bined loss of £113 million last measures year. The list includes including Bulgaria's second-biggest oil refinery, four mines and a dozen vegetable-canning and meat-processing plants, and the closures will bring 29,000 job losses.

The government has drawn up a second list of 70 companies, (including Balkan Air-lines, and the metallurgical company Kremikovtsi) wich bank credit and forced to undergo restructuring. The main question now facing the IMF and World

olden egg." Most diplomats and inderestructuring agreements it makes in the coming month. pendent analysts are more upbeat, arguing that the IMF is not easily fooled, and the gov-ernment has run out of alter-natives. "I think they're moti-A significant wing of the BSP comprises old-style communists and most of its supporters are industrial workers who will suffer the brunt of the retrenchment Furthermore, the government has shown itself to be a reluctant reformer. The country's planned mass privatisation programme has yet to get

under way, and cash privati-sations have virtually ceased. Alexander Boshkov, an conomist from the opposition Union of Democratic Forces, predicts that Mr Videnov will string the IMF along, delaying the closure of state factories until presidential elections, due in about six months. "It won't happen," Mr Boshkov said. "They are not going

vated enough and hypo-critical enough to proceed with the scheme — that is, to pursue policies diametrically opposite to their platform in 1994," said Krassen Stanchev, head of the Institute for Mar-ket Economics in Sofia. But while this midt in But while this might in-crease social tension, sticking to an IMF programme might not be enough to protect Bul-garia from further financial crises. Even with an IMF loan expected to be £133 million-£166 million, central bank reserves could be almost wiped out by this year's debt repayments, further sapping confidence in the lev.

to kill the goose that lays the

Patrick Donovan **City Editor**

HE 1902 million take-over of Trafalgar House by Norwegian-based Kvaerner is being investi-gated by the Oslo stock ex-change, which is concerned that the deal may hous that the deal may have breached market regulations. According to a letter which has been circulating around Oslo-based broking bouses, the exchange's state-chartered auditor, Geir Olsen, is consid-ering whether Kvaerner "acted contrary to two ex-change regulations" governing takeover bids. These require any bidder to give full disclosure to all

sharebolders with interests is a particular takeover bid. The engineering and ship-ping combine Kvaerner won control of Trafalgar House, best known for running the QE2 cruise liner and its con-

struction activities, last month Kvaerner yesterday acknowledged that it had received a letter from the Oslo stock exchange "seeking some clarifications" about the deal. It added that the company "is satisfied that it has kept the Oslo stock exchange fully informed on the takeover of

Trafalgar House. This has been discussed with the ex-

hange and Kvaerner forese no further problems." SBC Warburg, the mer-chant bank which was hired to carry out the offer on behalf of Kvaerner, declined to com-

The exchange appears to be concerned about the failure of Kværner and its advisers to provide the market with full information when the bid was mnounced.

In the letter, the exchange complains that, despite "assurances", information was given to London-based investors which had not been vailable to Oslo-base institutions, even though Kvaerner is a Norwegian

company. The letter also says that details of the original offer had not been sent because of an 'error" made by SBC

Warburg. The letter, to Kvaerner director Jan Magne Heggelund, said that an explanation was required about why the com-pany and its advisers failed to follow market rules by keeping all investors abreast of de tails of the bid.

It also criticises directors for releasing selective information about deals to reduce borrowings through asset di-vestments and financial profit forecasts, and said that these details had not been generally available.

Union gloom at Spain's 'slaughter'

Severe financial cuts upset balance, ADELE GOOCH reports from Madrid

HE dismal looks on the faces of the leaders of Spain's main unions as they left their first formal meeting with the country's new conservative prime minister, Jose Maria Aznar, said it all.

"Next time he wants a group photograph he's going to have to offer something in return," said Anto-nio Gutierrez of the Workers Commissions.

The message from Mr Az-nar had been tough. Spain needs to slash spending in order to lower the budget

pared to 15 per cent before. That means less in the com-munal kitty and squeals from poorer areas A key figure in the new administration is Jose Barea, a 73-year-old aca-demic, nicknamed Scissorhands, who has been appointed to run a new budget control office. Mr Barea

agrees with the Catalans that further cuts of around 700 billion pesetas are needed. **Government** ministers are adamant, however, that benefits are safe. The

over monetary union forecast

Market silence greeted Commission's EMU hopes, writes JOHN PALMER in Brussels

HE European economic slowdown and unemployment are worse than expected, the timing and strength of recovery is in doubt, most European Union countries still do not meet the aastricht treaty conditions for joining a single currency - but the dog still has not barked. The most eloquent comment so far on the latest Commission predictions about who will make the 1999 single currency deadline, has been the silence of the international financial markets.

It is unlikely that the markets take at face value the Commission's detailed economic forecasts or the remarkably precise prediction that Germany will reduce its budget deficit from over 4 per cent to just 2.9 per cent in 1997, with France actually hitting the 3 per cent limit right

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approved by the Bundestag. let alone actually implemented, were factored into the forecast

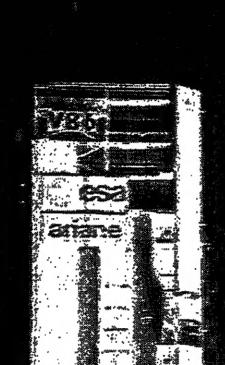
the expected European aco-nomic upturn on which the forecast average 3.4 per cent growth rate for the EU next year crucially depends. With interest rates and inflation at a long-term low, the scene could be set for a strong

But the Commission itself is uneasy about continuing investor and consumer nervous-ness and it concedes that popular resistance to budget deficit cuts could yet "add to doubts among some observers as to whether a sufficient number of member states would be ready to participate in EMU at the starting date of January 1, 1999"

Without firm evidence of recovery by the early autumn or if Chancellor Kohl's drive cut the German deficit fal-

A great deal now rests on

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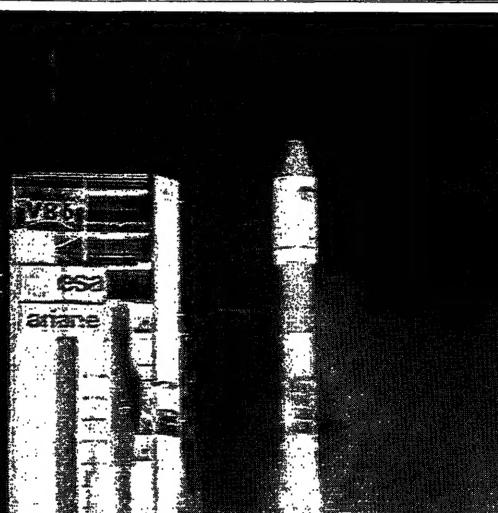


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lenge EU leaders' confident insistence that monetary union will indeed start as planned in 30 months time.

At present, only three countries meet the essential criteria for monetary union: Denmark (which has the right to opt out), Ireland and Luxembourg. But France, Ger-many, the Netherlands, and Finland are also expected to make the cut, with Austria and Sweden likely to do so as well. The Commission even suggests that with an extra effort others — notably Bel-gium and Britain — may qualify as well. Does this amount to any

more than whistling in the dark? To judge by present eco-nomic trends, the Commission's optimism is questionable. Its detailed economic forecasts this week appear to have benefited from a liberal use of massaging oil. Account was taken not only

of current budget revenues and spending but also the impact of the austerity measures which have been unveiled by a number of governments. Thus the swingeing public spending cuts of 50 billion marks (£21 billion) announced by Chancellor Kohl but which have not yet been

ters, the markets will once again question the entire EMU timetable. But for the present, the market is pricing medium and longer bonds for the core EMU countries on a basis which reflects a deep convic-tion that monetary union will

appen. Currency dealers fully expect France, and even Gernany, to still be on the wrong side of the 3 per cent figure by the end of next year. The treaty, however, explicitly al-lows a more relaxed view to be taken of a country's readiness to lock its exchange rates than its precise performance on budget deficits or government debt. Providing the budget def-icit trend of both countries is clearly downwards, they will

European monetary union has always been as much a political as an economic pro-

It cannot succeed if the core EMU countries fall hopelessly short of the Maastricht treaty reference values. But if they are seen to be on a long-term track to monetary stability, political will is certain to trlumph over any theological reading of the treaty's small print

lead the first wave of EMU countries in 1999.



On the high way... Europe's 86th Ariane rocket, launched from Kourou in French Guiana this week, placed in orbit satellites for Israel and Indonesia. Israel's first commercial satellite is designed to stay in geostationary orbit for 10 years; the Indonesian satellite will provide communications services in South-east Asia and parts of China

Daimler-Benz chief's sorry state may not mollify investors

etary union. If not by 1999, when few analysts believe it can be done, then by 2002. Mr Aznar's offer to both unions and employers of a "social pact" in which the cutbacks were agreed by consensus, fell on stony ground, although consultations will continue.

One of Mr Aznar's prob-lems is sluggish growth. Unemployment remains stub-bornly high at 23 per cent. with 3.6 million people out of work. Spaniards are spending less now than in the eighties boom years, when interest rates were more than double their present level. A revised growth estimate of 2.3 per cent, compared to an anticl-pated 3 per cent, is particu-larly bad news.

Mr Aznar has already announced cuts of 200 billion pesetas (just over £1 billion) this year. Not

enough, say the Catalan na-tionalists whose backing put the Popular Party into office. The price paid for that support is one of the factors complicating Mr Aznar's task. He has agreed to let the 17 regional govern-ments collect and spend 30 per cent of income tax, com-

that this week rejected a

of baroque corporate struc-tures, Montedison is a holding

company that is itself held by

another company. This is Fer-

ruzzi Finanziaria, which in 1993 collapsed under its

£12 billion debt and had to be

rescued by its banks. As well

a particularly sensitive issue, will be guaranteed. Public works are set to suffer, health charges may be introduced and the new education minister, Esperanza Aguirre, known as Spain's Mrs Thatcher, is busy looking to make cuts. Mr Aznar is also committed to fighting benefit and tax fraud. But, after taking a look at the state accounts, he claimed they were full of black holes and that tax cuts promised in the campaign would have to wait. He also plans to tackle ail-ing state industries such as mining and shipbuilding.

They are a legacy of the pa-ternalistic, nationalised economy created by General Franco which costs the government 1.3 billion pesetas a year. The new indus-try minister, a Catalan Josep Pique, plans to privatise the profitable and slaughter the rest. It is these plans, together with others to make labour law more flexible, that arouse the deepest suspicions in the unions. That could spell trouble. Last year the former socialist government gave up on plans to close shipyards when workers rioted.

Update

Copenhagen stock exchange will co-operate or merge with other exchanges in order to survive after 2000, when a common European currency is ex-

pected to be in use. "I don't think we will start introducing a new. [electronic] system on our own, so I think the future will be that we have to have a co-operation or maybe a merger with other stock exchanges so we can split the cost," said Lars Johansen, the chief executive of the exchange.

The French government is considering the nationalisation of Dassault Aviation as a possible way of pushing through its proposed merger with Aerospatiale, according to Le Figaro.

Both companies have until June 30 to present an outline plan, but Dassault Aviation chairman Serge Dassault is refusing to meet his Aerospa tiale counterpart, Louis Gallois, the newspaper said.

 A strike by engineering
 workers in Norway is threatening components supplies to a number of European car manufacturers. Production of BMW

time in the second

series 5 and 7 models, for example, could be halted in just over a week's time.

> 🗆 Italian prime minister Romano Prodi has given the treasury and budget portfolios to former central banker Carlo Azeglio Ciampi, in a move which opens the way to creating a single economics ministry, political sources said yesterday.

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Denis Staunton in Berlin

DAIMLER-BENZ chief ex-ecutive Juergen Schrempp will have a lot of explaining to do when he faces angry shareholders at his company's annual meeting in Stuttgart on Wednesday. Europe's biggest industrial company made a record loss of DM5.7 billion (22.5 billion) last year and, for the first time in 45

If the Daimler-Benz man-agement is held responsible for the losses, disappointed shareholders could seek retri-bution through the courts: years, shareholders did not receive a pfennig in dividends.

A group of small sharehold-ers has tabled a motion blam-ing Mr Schrempp and his management colleagues, and in Daimler-Benz as an apprentice on the factory floor, cultivates a macho image, smoking 70 Mariboro a day and putting the three big German banks, Deutsche Bank, Dresdner and

away impressive quantities of wine and beer. He has lost no time in overthe company's value on the stock exchange its top prior-ity. It is a controversial concept in Germany, where post-war economic success has been based on a consensus be-

tween industry, trade unions and government. "I don't have much time for Germany any more," Mr Schrempp was quoted as say-ing in a German newspaper last week. His rhetoric has already boosted Daimler-Benz's share price, but many Germans fear that "shareholder value" will cost thousands of their fellow citizens their jobs When Mr Schrempp announced his company's with-drawal from Fokker after susaining massive losses, he

His star has risen steadily since then, boosted by a sympathetic business press in Germany and abroad. Accord-ing to the current edition of the weekly newspaper Die Zett, he can hardly believe his

squandered DM2.8 billion and then said without beating around the bush 'it was all my fault'," he boasted. "While other managers are sacked for DM50 million, I'm still here."

playing Italy's whole in one game and its image as a chemicals John Glover in Milan

Montedison rejects call to stop

concern; the lack of transparency in the relationship beween Ferfin and Montedison; and the company's share price performance.

WHAT is there in common between Eridania, a huge Paris-based agribusiness This year the holding comfirm; Edison, an Italian elecpany has seen its share price fall by about a fifth. The Milan tricity generating company; Antibioticos, a Spanish phar-maceuticals operation; a 50 per cent stake in Montell, market is up: the share prices of Edison, which has a lucraone of the world's biggest plas-tics producers; and a plant entive supply contract with the national electricity utility, gineering firm and a gaggle of minor chemicals interests? and of Eridania have soared. Mr Padulli bought his stake These are the main businesses of Montedison, a in 1993 after the group's melt-down. He works though a Gibraltar-based company, Code-louf, with offices in London. Milan-based conglomerate break-up proposal from its second-largest shareholder. In his letter, Mr Padulli claimed he had the backing of True to the Italian tradition

19 per cent of the company's capital, held mostly by foreign investors. That is hardly enough, however, to take on Ferfin and its allies at Mediobanca, the Milan investment bank that was behind the cre-ation of Montedison in the 960s and is still a share-

holder. Montedison's structure represents "a balanced portfolio of activities offering numerous opportunities for development", managing director Enrico Biondi told analysts after publication of the letter.

admitted that he was to blame for the original decision to in-

luck

as 32.3 per cent of Montedison, Ferfin owns a controlling "I'm the first boss who stake in a large insurer. In a letter leaked to the press this week, Luca Padulli, who owns 4 per cent of Montedison, criticised the compa-ny's lack of a clear strategy



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their depositors how they

should vote on the issue.

Commerzbank, have taken the unusual step of asking turning his predecessor Ed-zard Reuter's most cherished plans, including many Mr Schrempp helped to formulate. Mr Schrempp will outline his own vision next Wednes-day, based on the concept of "shareholder value", making Mr Schrempp, who started

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An industry fuelled by its growth obsession is planning to take rail under its wing. KEITH HARPER and MARK MILNER report



Soft landing ... British Airways' dominant presence at Heathrow gives it a cost advantage but Britain's cumbersome planning procedures are delaying argently sought expansion

Airlines broaden their horizons

HE world is shrinking, but not fast enough for its biggest airlines. Check in at Heathrow and you can fly to Little Rock and Charlotteville or 200 other US destinations under British Airways' code-share arrangements with its American partner, USAir. It sounds impressive but BA is only skimming the surface. North America represents 40 per cent of the world's airline business, with Europe second and the Pacific Rim a fast-growing third. BA looks secure, with profits of around £550 million to be announced on Monday, but it cannot afford to stand still in a market that could be dominated by just three airlines, each with a base in one of those three economic centres. It is therefore looking at breaking into other transport markets, even rail, where its backing of the management buy-out bid for the Gatwick Express line to London Victoria was unsuccessful. Rail's passenger-pulling potential has not been lost on people like Sir Michael Bishop, British Midland's energetic chairman. This week he revealed that the growing success of Eurostar rail services between London and Paris had led to a 25 per cent

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drop in custom for his air-line's service between the two capitals. BM cannot afford a public display of handwringing. Events are moving too fast for

for Manchester, and the Terthat. So it is attempting to grab at least one slice of the action, minal 5 inquiry at Heathrow will drag on for more than anby talking with Richard Branother year, with no decision expected this side of the mil-lennium. Meanwhile, global son, a member of the Channel rail service operating consortium, about ticket-sharing on air traffic will double.

Moreover, lengthy planning procedures for the approval of It has stolen a march on its new airports are frustrating the airlines. A decision is awaited on a second runway

rivals in Europe by taking stakes of just under 50 per cent in Deutsche BA and TAT European Airlines of France, but the operations have still to show a profit, partly because of the 40 per cent mark-up required to operate in some parts of Europe. Heathrow boasts some of the cheapest landing charges in the world, and BA is fortunate to be dom-

European rivalry brings extra turbulence

WHILE Europe's flag carriers prepare to meet the challenges presented by growing globalisation of the airline industry, many are seeking simultaneously to set their own houses in order.

Competition within the European Union is already on the increase, thanks to the likes of British Midland, EasyJet and Euro Belgian Airlines, now renamed Virgin Ex-press. British Airways has taken the battle

pean Commission, which recently approved a state aid package for Spain's Iberia — but atlached some strings. Air France is letting it be known that it

would like to be privatised, with late 1997 or 1998 emerging as possible dates. The French carrier is, however, facing double trouble. KLM, Lufthansa and SAS have complained to the European Con

advantages. Apart from At-lanta, it operates five large hubs in the US at Dallas/Fort Worth, Cincinnati, Salt Lake City, Los Angeles and Or-lando. And it has a Pacific hub at Portland, Oregon, part of the American hinterland where BA is weak. It also operates more than 2,500 flights each day to 197 cities in 26 countries.

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The growth ances means that British car-

Eurostar. The time is fast approaching when passengers can choose whatever method of travel suits them best: fly-ing to Paris and catching the train back, for example. Sir Michael went on to

underline the importance of rail by musing on the horror of driving between London and Manchester these days. Writhing through Spaghetti Junction on the M6 often turns a 190-mile journey into a four-hour drag. Sir Michael sees a furious contest develop ing between rail and air for one of the most heavily used routes in Britain. While BM has not been able

uscle in at Manche air is leaving rail behind as the most reliable service beeen the North-west and London. The west coast main line between London and wo cities Glasgow requires £1 billion of

investment and it will be another four years before it has been transformed.

So it is natural for airlines to be looking to rail to enhance insting it their position as mould-breakers in the travel industry. As demonstrated by Mr Bran-

son's involvement in Eurokeep costs down. There has been speculation about other star, Virgin is quickly acquiring the taste for rail, and BA is picking up the habit. US partners for BA. FTHE remaining rail franchises to be let, the west coast

main line could be turned into a huge success story, with journey times between Manchester and London cut to two hours. Mr Branson is interested in the franchise, and BA is studying its potential, al-though it would have to consider the impact on its busy shuttle service between the

While this is its concern at home, consolidating its position in Europe and America is an equally important goal.

In the United States, BA is comfortable with its links with USAir, although the American carrier struggles to

America's anti-trust laws make it impossible to co-ordinate BA's American schedules without going via a US domestic carrier. USAir might be swallowed up by another American company, so BA has to seek another potential pariner or an extension of its deal with USAir. A potential threat to BA

comes in the fruitful alliance between Lufthansa and United. This partnership may take another step forward next week if the two carriers receive US government antitrust immunity. Lufthansa's customers would gain access to the American market and United's to the German air-

to other domestic markets with Deutsche BA in Germany and TAT in France. The rivalry is set to intensify. Next year, arriers' fares.

deregulation within the European Union will enable EU carriers to start flying domestic services in other member countries. For some of the flag carriers, getting fit for the fray is proving difficult and costly. • This week Alitalia announced plans to cut jobs and costs. Domenico Cempella, its chief executive, is seeking to reduce the workforce by some 3,000 — the equivalent of 17 per cent. Costs have to come down by more than £200 million. Part of the pro-gramme involves a cash injection from the state holding company, IRI. That is almost certain to attract the attention of the Euro-

line's international market. For the past few months, BA's name has been linked with another US high-flier, American, and yesterday there was renewed specula tion of an alliance being forged as early as next week. But this week another name has

that Air France is using state aid not for restructuring but to help it undercut other

riers like BA, Virgin and Brit-ish Midland must always be Air France Europe, formerly Air Inter, is on course to lose an estimated Fr1.2 billion arching for new partners. BA envisages the time when the number of global players (£160 million) this year. Air France chairman Christian Blanc is threatening to postwill be as few as three, one for pone the merger of AFE into the state-owned company's European operations each global power base. So when Bob Ayling, BA's chief executive, stands up on Monday to deliver a healthy

unless pilots bring their pay into line. Just how tough life can be was illustrated last month when Swissair reported its first annual report, it will be against a background of a market that is even more comloss, albeit a modest £80 million.

Restructuring can work. Lufthansa is a good example. As the era of deregulation dawns, however, many of Europe's airlines may find they will have to run even harder than they are planning — just to stand still.

entered the reckoning ---has seen bad times and good. Delta. BA sources confirmed Recently it had to cut costs and yesterday that informal talks staff. but has just transferred its European ticketing operahad been held with Delta, founded as the world's first tion to London at a cost of erial crop-dusting company. \$20 million, clearly believing Delta, based in Atlanta, began serving Europe with that it has a long-term future flights to Gatwick in 1978. It

way of increasing passenger usage on journeys of between two and three hours. BA has just cancelled a \$1 billion order for 60 regional jet aircraft because it is concerned about poorly performing non-core operations at Birmingham, Manchester, that it has a long-term future here. For BA, Delta offers several but it may well be part of it.

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nies like BA saw rail as one

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